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PROTEST!

Tens of thousands jam New York's garment district (top) for a rally condemning the UN General Assembly's resolution which defined Zionism as a form of racism. Below, student Myer Rosen addresses University of Toronto rally held last week. It was only major Toronto protest held following the UN vote. See editorial on Page 4 and other picture on Page 3. (RNS and El-Baz photographs)

Student rally at U of T

Arab-sponsored resolution labelled 'lie and slander'

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Associate Editor

TORONTO —

Two of Canada's most prominent philosophers deeply moved an audience of 350 at a University of Toronto rally last week with their soaring rhetoric in defence of Zionism and in denunciation of the Arabs and the UN.

Prof. Gregory Baum, of St. Michael's College religious affairs department, and Prof. Emil Fackenheim, U of T philosophy department, were the featured speakers at Toronto's only mass protest to date against the UN vote equating Zionism with racism.

Father Baum, labelling the Arab-sponsored resolution "a lie and a slander," claimed it was an attempt to legitimize their terrorism — "trying to give a good name to terrorism they engage in versus Israel."

Saying the UN appears to have become "a den of thieves," he urged Canada and the U.S. to withdraw financial support from the world body for a time. Following applause, he admitted he still has hopes that in the long run the UN will serve as an instrument of peace and reconciliation.

He expressed the hope Jews wouldn't turn their backs on the Third World and would continue their contributions in attempting to solve world problems.

"In his address to the shivering students and professors outside Sidney Smith Hall, Prof. Fackenheim began by saying: "One thing I never dreamt of was that an organization formed by victors over Hitler would turn into something similar."

He discussed the history of anti-Semitism and its change into the new code word of anti-Zionism. "These anti-Zionists don't want genocide, but the destruction of the Jewish state, the expulsion of Jews from Palestine and the reduction of Jews everywhere to tolerated persons, akin to the Middle Ages," he declared.

Lashing out at the UN vote, he said the vote would result in anti-Semites "all the world over coming out of their ratholes." Prof. Fackenheim, noting a document of support for Israel signed by a number of Toronto Christian clergymen, blasted Rev. A.C. Forrest, **United Church Observer** editor, for long ago calling Israel a racist state. Anti-Semitism is a disease with a long history in the Gentile world, he added.

Other speakers at the incident-free rally, chaired by Prof. Arthur Kruger, principal, Woodsworth College, were Israel Vice-Consul Miriam Ziev, graduate student Myer Rosen and political economy Prof. Walter Burns, who asserted that Israel represents what is best in the West.

"How many constitutional democracies were on the list who voted for the resolution," he asked. "Gentiles as well as Jews should be horrified by what has happened."

Earlier, Father Baum read a letter signed by a number of clergymen deploring the UN resolution and commending Canada's stand. The signators were: Rt. Rev. Lewis S. Garnsworthy, Anglican bishop of Toronto; The most Rev. Philip Pocock, Roman Catholic archbishop of Toronto; The Most Rev. Edward Scott, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada; Right Rev. Ross Cameron, and Rev. James Smart, Presbyterian Church; Rev. Frank Brisbin, Dr. Ernest E. Long and Very Rev. Angus MacQueen of the United Church; Dr. William Dunphy, St. Michael's College; Rev. Leland Gregory and Rev. Ronald F. Watts, Baptist Church; Rev. Roland de Corneille, Anglican Church and Rabbis Jordan Pearlson, Stuart E. Rosenberg, W. Gunther Plaut and Erwin Schild.

Rev. Peter Gilbert, director of the Christian-Jewish Dialogue Program of the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches, also expressed distress and repugnance at the "unjust and malicious" treatment Israel and the Jewish community is subjected to.

Also expressing their outrage at the UN resolution were students at Associated Hebrew School and Community Hebrew Academy who sent a telegram to UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim. They also sent telegrams to External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen and Saul Rae, Canada UN ambassador, applauding this country's stand.

Meanwhile, it was announced that upwards of 1,000 youth will attend a major rally Sunday, Nov. 23 in Niagara Falls at 2 p.m. at the Rainbow Bridge. Sponsors will be the Jewish Student Federation of York University, Hillel Foundation of the University of Toronto, Youth and Hechalutz department of the Canadian Zionist Federation and the Ontario Students Council of Canadian Jewish Congress.

The rally is designed to be a display of solidarity with the Canadian and American governments which voted against the recent UN resolution equating Zionism with racism. It is also intended to show that no one can legislate the state of Israel out of existence, say the organizers.

Jewish youth from Toronto, Guelph, Hamilton, London, Waterloo, Kingston and Buffalo are expected to be at the rally.

Rabin announces emergency meeting

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Leon Dulzin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, announced the convening of an emergency meeting of Jewish leaders here at the end of this month to plan ways of combatting the anti-Jewish and anti-Zionist attack launched at the UN by the Arabs and their supporters. The leaders of Jewish organization around the world and the leaders of the major diaspora communities will be invited to attend.

(Premier Rabin has invited five Canadian leaders to attend. They are Canada—Israel Committee Chairman Aaron Pollack of Montreal, Canadian Jewish Congress President Sydney M. Harris of Toronto, United Israel Appeal of Canada President Phil Granovsky of Toronto, Charles Bronfman, Montreal community leader and Canadian Zionist Federation President Phil Givens.

On Wednesday of this week, 50 leaders from across the country met in Ottawa in the Canadian National Leadership Emergency Meeting. Givens chaired the meeting called following the UN vote equating Zionism to racism.)

The meeting, announced in a joint statement issued by the offices of Rabin and Dulzin, will take place at the Knesset in Jerusalem from Dec. 3 to Dec. 5 — the anniversary of the 1947 United Nations resolution establishing the Jewish state. Giving details at his office, World Zionist Organization Director-General Moshe Rivlin said a joint planning committee of the premier's office, the foreign ministry and the WZO was already meeting to map out details.

Only 100 top Jewish leaders would be invited, Rivlin said. The relatively small number was deliberate — to keep discussion practical and avoid speechmaking. The aim of the meeting is twofold to express and strengthen Jewish solidarity and to plan a major international information campaign explaining to the world anew what the Zionist ideal means. Of the 100, some 30 would represent the U.S. and three or four each representing other Jewish concentrations. Rivlin did not say how the invitees would be chosen.

Rabin and Dulzin will address the opening session Dec. 3. Two more sessions will be held that day, a long session, an "Oneg shabbat" during which delegates would discuss the spiritual meaning of Jewry's tie to Israel, and a closing session the night of Dec. 5.

Canadians cancel Mexican vacations following UN vote

By TOBA KORENBLUM
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —

A substantial number of Jewish travellers are cancelling Mexican vacation plans in retaliation for that country's support of the UN resolution equating Zionism with racism, local travel agents have verified.

All eight agents contacted for comment agreed that interest in Mexico as a travel destination has significantly waned among their Jewish clientele, and cancellations are mounting in the aftermath of the final General Assembly vote. Nevertheless, most conceded, despite the UN vote, bookings have not entirely dissipated.

Mexico has the most to lose in a Jewish sponsored travel boycott, several agents commented, since it draws a large number of North American tourists during the winter months. Brazil and Portugal, who also joined in support of the Zionism-racism credo, have already lost drawing power as vacation destinations because of their unsettled political climate.

Several large agencies booking charter or package deal excursions to Mexico have agreed to refund deposits to clients who wish to alter their travel plans.

Wardair district sales manager Dan Gallacher said that in response to appeals from Jewish travel agents and clients, his company for the remainder of this week will refund deposits on charters to Acapulco. Sunquest Vacations Ltd., similarly in an effort not to penalize clients desiring to cancel Acapulco vacations in protest against the resolution, has also agreed to refund deposits this week.

Many of the agents polled, surprised at Mexico's stance at the UN, differed on the long-run effect such a boycott will have on the Mexican government and tourist industry.

Len Nathan, Suntours Ltd., estimated that Jews account for 25-30% of Acapulco's tourist traffic. With a concerted, co-ordinated effort from all Jewish communities on the continent a travel boycott could have a significant impact, he said. "The only way they'll scream is through their pocket books," he added, noting that the Mexican government is influenced by a small but powerful and rich elite group of businessmen.

"But until such a time as the community rises up in protest," said Nathan, "the individual reaction is — it doesn't really affect me."

Mae List, Corson Travel Service, found a strong reaction among Jewish clients and a large number of cancellations on Christmas vacations. "Many have told me that in their heart of hearts they can't go there happily. They feel that this is the only weapon they can use."

But while there is a definite reluctance to travel to Mexico now, said Mrs. List, the boycott's long term effect may be negligible because of apathy. "As with similar boycotts against France and Czechoslovakia it will probably last about six months before it phases out."

Seven-day blitz to cover 1,000 special gifts will be kick-off event for 1976 UJA drive

TORONTO —

A one-week blitz to cover all Special Gifts prospects for the 1976 United Jewish Appeal gets under way on Monday, Nov. 24.

There are about 1,000 contributors in the Special Gifts division and they contribute 65% of the total raised in the annual campaign. Special Gifts chairman Lionel Schipper expects most of them will be canvassed during the week.

The plan is to hold daily breakfast and luncheon meetings at the Inn on the Park and cocktail meetings every evening at the homes of the Special Gifts vice-chairmen: Leonard Simpson, Issy Sharp, Tom Beck and David Robbins. Col. Nachman Karni, who has been involved in the military-diplomatic service of Israel for the past 25 years, will be guest speaker at each meeting.

Schipper believes that with so many meetings planned, every contributor will be accommodated. "I doubt," he said, "if anybody is so busy he won't find a suitable time to attend one of the meetings."

Schipper noted that the lawyers' division has had considerable success in the past couple of years with blitz campaigns and he feels the idea will work equally well on a broader scale. He said there is no reason for an "interminable" campaign. "My personal feelings is that one month, when most of the people are in the city, is all the time needed to solicit for the UJA," he said. "If we let the community know that, and if we let the campaign workers know, there is no reason why we can't do it in a month. It doesn't take more hours...it just takes a little discipline."

Lionel Schipper of UJA.

Lionel Schipper has been involved with UJA as a canvasser for many years, mainly with the Lawyers' division. He is associated with the law firm of Goodman and Goodman. He says his philosophy about the campaign is fairly straightforward. "I have a strong personal belief," he said, "that as a Jew in Toronto and particularly looking at my children as Jews in North America, I can't be sanguine or comfortable. I believe — and I don't know whether it is an emotional belief or a rational one — that if you can't live in peace in a kibbutz near the Jordanian border then you can't really have peace for very long in Toronto."

Schipper said he sees the role of the Jewish community in the Diaspora as "providing financial strength for the state of Israel and moral support for the Israelis because they live a much more difficult life than we do; and developing the necessary pressure on government so that the will of the free world with respect to Israel will remain firm."

Schipper is concerned also with the local community and declared that Jewish education and Jewish services must be maintained if Judaism is to survive in North America. If the North American Jewish community were to assimilate it would just be a matter of time until Israel would disappear, he said. "Israel is dependent on the Diaspora," he declared, "and we are dependent on Israel."

Calling on contributors to increase their gifts by 25%, Schipper said it would be shameful to permit the level of giving to be reduced, just because the atmosphere in Israel is more peaceful now than it was during the Yom Kippur War period. "It shouldn't be necessary for people to be put into ovens or killed in the Golan Heights for Jews to be contributing to Israel and to other Jewish causes."

Sunday closing law relaxation is planned

TORONTO —

Despite early reports to the contrary, the Ontario government is working toward formalizing an amendment to its Sunday closing legislation that will accommodate minority religious groups, according to Solicitor General John MacBeth.

In a telephone interview, MacBeth was optimistic that the Retail Business Holidays Act will contain an exemption for the "conscientious objector" — the Sabbath observant storekeeper whose convictions forbid him to work on Saturday.

Last week he received deputations from a Jewish community delegation consisting of politicians, rabbis, a Canadian Jewish Congress official as well as two Seventh Day Adventists.

While no consensus was reached during the course of conversations with the delegation, MacBeth agreed that his legal department would draft a proposal accommodating religious observers while keeping "the constitutionality of the bill intact."

The final decision regarding any draft amendments, he said, lies with a select committee which meets this week to examine the bill. The government holds a minority position on this legislative committee and would not be expected to resist Opposition pressure.

The major obstacle in drafting an exemption for the Sabbath observer, MacBeth said, still hinges on the constitutional difficulties. Ontario is not legally empowered to legislate in the religious sphere. This has created a paradox for the bill's draftsmen who are required to work within the secular bounds of the legislation. The exemption, while accommodating religious observers, must be couched in secular terms to avoid a constitutional violation.

Ben Kayfetz, executive director of Congress, Central Region, expressed optimism

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Beth Tzedec trial postponed to March

TORONTO —

Beth Tzedec Congregation has won a victory in the postponement to March 1 of Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg's libel action against Dr. Fred Weinberg, Albert Gellman, Greta Greisman, Max Milstone and Marvin Miller. The trial was to have begun last Monday.

The congregation had asked that the cases between it and the rabbi be heard in the order that the writs were issued. The reason given for the postponement of the libel action was that the case regarding the rabbi's contract must be heard first.

Friendship Dinner sponsored by Bonds to hear Shlomo Lahat

TORONTO —

Tel Aviv's dynamic mayor, Gen. Shlomo Lahat, will fly to Toronto on Dec. 4 to be guest of honor at the first Tel Aviv-Toronto Friendship Dinner being sponsored that evening by Toronto State of Israel Bonds at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Alvin B. Rosenberg will serve as dinner chairman.

The dinner will precede the annual Chanukah Festival For Israel being held this year at Beth Tikvah as well.

Mayor Lahat, one of Israel's most brilliant spokesmen, will address top-level bond supporters at the dinner, and later will report to the audience of more than 1,500 attending the festival on Israel's immediate situation on the political and economic fronts, and on the prospects for peace.

The 1975 Chanukah Festival For Israel will feature an outstanding program of stars from the Israeli and North American entertainment centres, and will provide an occasion for the community to express its solidarity with an support for the state of Israel. Performers include Israel's most renowned singing sensation, Geula Gill: Master of ceremonies will be the celebrated humorist and raconteur Emil Cohen. Making her first major appearance in toronto will be Mara Milkis, the Russian violin prodigy now making her home in Toronto.

Tel Aviv Mayor S. Lahat

Tickets are available to Israel Bond purchasers to the limit of seating capacity on the basis of one free ticket for a paid-up purchase of $250 — maximum two tickets per family. For further information, call Toronto Bonds at 789-3351.

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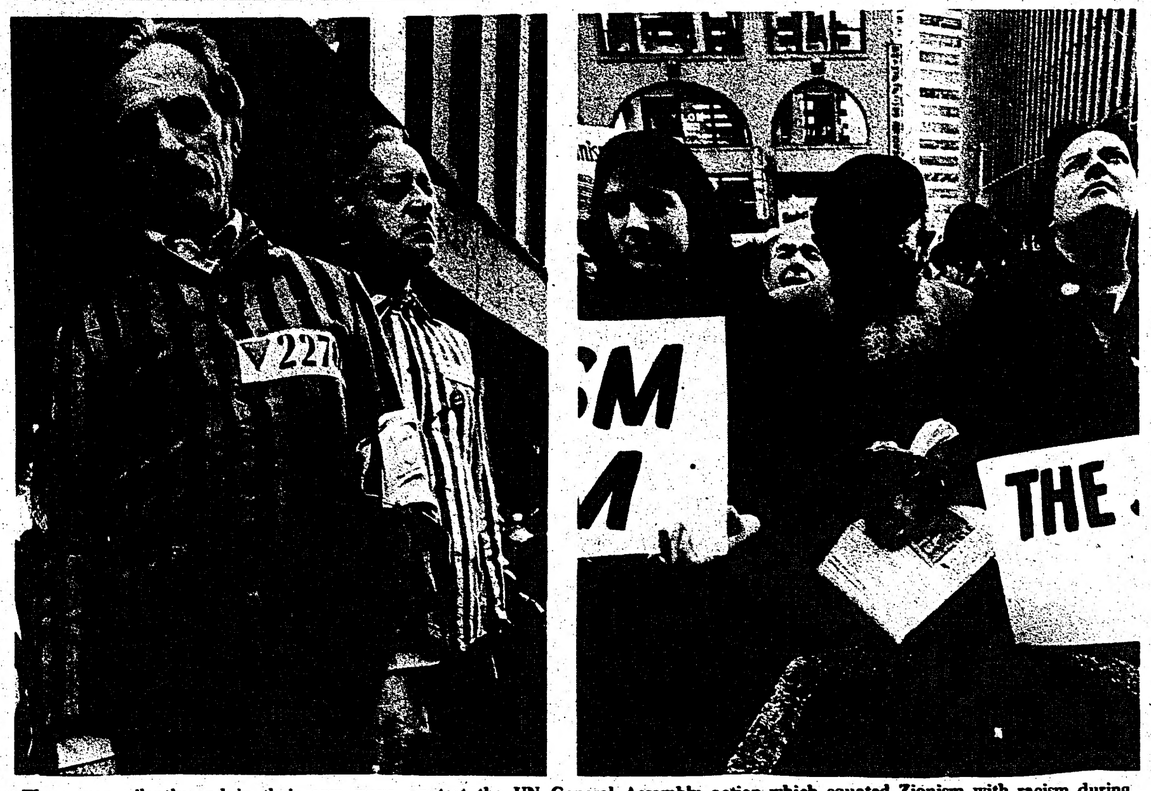

Three men, silently and in their own ways, protest the UN General Assembly action which equated Zionism with racism during massive demonstration in New York. At left, Hendrick Bulsztyn and Jay Friler, survivors of Nazi concentration camps, are dressed in uniforms they wore in the camps. Right, this trio reads from a prayer book during rally. (Religious News Service photograph)

Almogi confident of getting Agency job

By S.K. LAZAROV

TORONTO — Haifa Mayor Josef Almogi, one of Israel's most powerful politicians, predicted in an interview here last week that he will in all probability succeed the late Pinhas Sapir as the next chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization.

Although Almogi is said by Israeli observers to have a good chance of defeating his only rival, Leon Dulzin, the feeling in Jerusalem is that the former minister of labor and housing has a fairly tough fight on his hands.

Almogi said he was in Canada on Israel Bonds business, but at least one member of a Toronto delegation who met him at his hotel room in the Four Season Sheraton suggested that the one-time general secretary of the Mapai Party was in fact here to canvass votes for one of the most influential posts in world Jewry.

Asked whether he expected to overcome the challenge posed by Dulzin, the acting chairman and treasurer of the Jewish Agency, Almogi was at first non-commital and vague.

When pressed for a more specific answer, Almogi conceded that he was "a candidate representing the biggest party (Labor) in the Zionist movement and it is only natural in a democratic organization to think that you will have all the possibilities of being elected."

When he was asked whether that statement meant he was certain of winning, Almogi replied in the affirmative. He would not, however, hazard a guess as to his margin of victory over Dulzin.

Almogi's expression of self-confidence is believed to be the first time he has publicly indicated he will become the next chairman of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization.

In the course of the 40-minute interview, Almogi declared that he would not continue to serve as mayor of the port city if he lost to Dulzin. He said he had made a commitment to the populace that he would stay on as mayor for only a short time. He did not elaborate.

"Don't forget," he quipped, "I'm not unemployed. I'm a member of the Knesset, and I didn't take the mayoralty as an insurance policy."

The 65-year old Almogi, a vigorous-looking man, was asked if he thought the awesome burdens of the job he desired might affect his health. He was also asked if he was concerned by the fact that the last two chairmen — Pinhas Sapir and Louis Pincus — died during their terms of office.

"People die in minor jobs too, and secondly, I wouldn't run if I couldn't face such a challenge," he replied.

Almogi, answering another question, said he had no objection whatsoever to a non-Israeli becoming chairman of the Jewish Agency. "I have nothing against it," he said. But he reminded the reporter that according to the regulations, the chairman must also be the head of the World Zionist Organization.

Speculating on the main tasks that will confront him if he should be elected to the chairmanship, Almogi said the Jewish Agency must be streamlined in order to achieve better and more efficient results.

Specifically, he asserted, the Zionist movement must be strengthened at a time when it is under attack throughout the world, Zionist education must be deepened and the ties between Israel and the Diaspora must be consolidated.

Since the Jewish Agency is responsible for creating new settlements, Almogi was asked if there was indeed a contradiction between establishing kibbutzim in the occupied Arab territories while simultaneously negotiating with the Arab states. "I do not see a basic contradiction, provided the settlements are built with the cabinet's permission," he said. "The building of settlements are part of a calculated plan of reaching an agreement with the Arabs."

Josef Almogi - new Jewish Agency chairman? (El-Baz)

Almogi stressed that Israel will not return to the 1967 ceasefire lines, particularly on the Golan Heights. Speaking of Israel's determination not to budge from the Syrian heights, Almogi stated: "If we go back, the settlement will be a bad one and a dangerous one. We're not going to endanger the northern part of Israel."

He said the next Arab-Israeli accord must be in the form of a comprehensive settlement rather than just another interim agreement.

UN Zionist resolution

'An emotion of the day': Kissinger

WASHINGTON [JTA] — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger indicated that the U.S. has no intention of taking economic reprisals against the countries that voted in favor of the anti-Zionist resolution in the General Assembly, despite statements by himself and President Ford deploring that resolution.

"We have made no final decision. We must keep the American reaction in some balance," Kissinger said at a press conference in Pittsburgh where he had addressed the Foreign Affairs Council. He termed the anti-Zionist resolution an "emotion of the day."

Kissinger told the press conference, "I believe it is important in the present world situation to keep an eye on fundamental issues that must be solved and those issues will not go away. One of these issues is the relationship between the developed and developing countries. We cannot have the world divided between those who have advanced industrial know-how and those living on the edge of poverty."

The secretary warned that such a situation could lead to "chronic civil war" in 10-15 years and "therefore we have to conduct our foreign policy today, whatever the immediate irritations, in such a manner that the possibility of a co-operative world remains open."

Kissinger's remarks seemed to raise the likelihood of a confrontation between the Administration and Congress where the mood is one of anger and bitterness over the General Assembly vote. Several key members of Congress, notably Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D. Wash.) have already proposed curtailing American aid to the African, Asian and Arab-bloc countries that supported the resolution equating Zionism with racism.

Rep. Philip Crane (R.Ill.) introduced a resolution in the House that would reduce U.S. funding of the United Nations from the present 25% of the world organization's budget to five per cent.

Kissinger spoke out strongly against the anti-Zionist measure in the UN. He said it was "really a form of moral condemnation of the state of Israel and not simply an abstract vote on Zionism," and that "the linkage of Zionism and racism smacks of some practices that it would be better for mankind to forget."

But while he asserted that "the UN vote has certainly added to the tensions, the rifts and the distrust" in the Middle East diplomatic situation and was "extremely unhelpful and highly irresponsible," Kissinger said the U.S. will "have to decide on the votes on an individual basis before deciding what specific action we will take toward the various countries."

Lest we forget' UN roll-call on racism vote

UNITED NATIONS — Following is the roll-call vote in the United Nations General Assembly on a resolution that classifies Zionism as "a form of racism."

IN FAVOR — 72

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussia, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, China, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Egypt, Eq. Guinea, Gambia, Germany - East, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Rwanda, Sao Tome, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Southern Yemen, Soviet Union, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Tanzania, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

OPPOSED — 35

Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Britain, Canada, Cen. Afr. Rep., Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Rep., Salvador, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany - West, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Luxembourg, Malawi, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Swaziland, Sweden, United States, Uruguay.

ABSTENTIONS — 32

Argentina, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Burma, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Lesotho, Mauritius, Nepal, Papua - N. Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad–Tobago, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Zaire, Zambia.

ABSENT — Rumania, South Africa, Spain.

Police investigate N.Y. firebombings of synagogues, homes

NEW YORK [JTA] — Police pushed an investigation into the firebombing of three buildings housing two synagogues, the homes of two Chassidic rabbis and a Jewish school, in Brooklyn's heavily Orthodox Boro Park section, the site of growing tensions between Hispanic youths and Jews.

Police said damage was severe to one synagogue, Chasdei Chernobil. Grand Rabbi Jacob Twersky, head of the Chernobil Chassidim, was not home when the firebomb attack occurred. Police said 26 firebombs were found on the roofs of two buildings in the area.

Rabbi Eugene Cohen, Rabbi Twersky's son-in-law, called damage to the synagogue "extremely heavy," adding that the synagogue's Torah scrolls were saved by neighbors. He said he could not understand why the synagogue was fire-bombed. The arson at the synagogue building took place around 5 a.m. Two hours earlier, two firebombs were tossed at a building housing the Congregation Machatke Adas and the Machatke Talmud Torah. Damage was described as moderate at the school.

Three firebombs were tossed at the home of Rabbi Shabse Meisels during the night, a police spokesman saying that the firebombs were thrown "from a group" of 25 Hispanic youth. The spokesman said there were no injuries, no arrests and only slight damage to the building.

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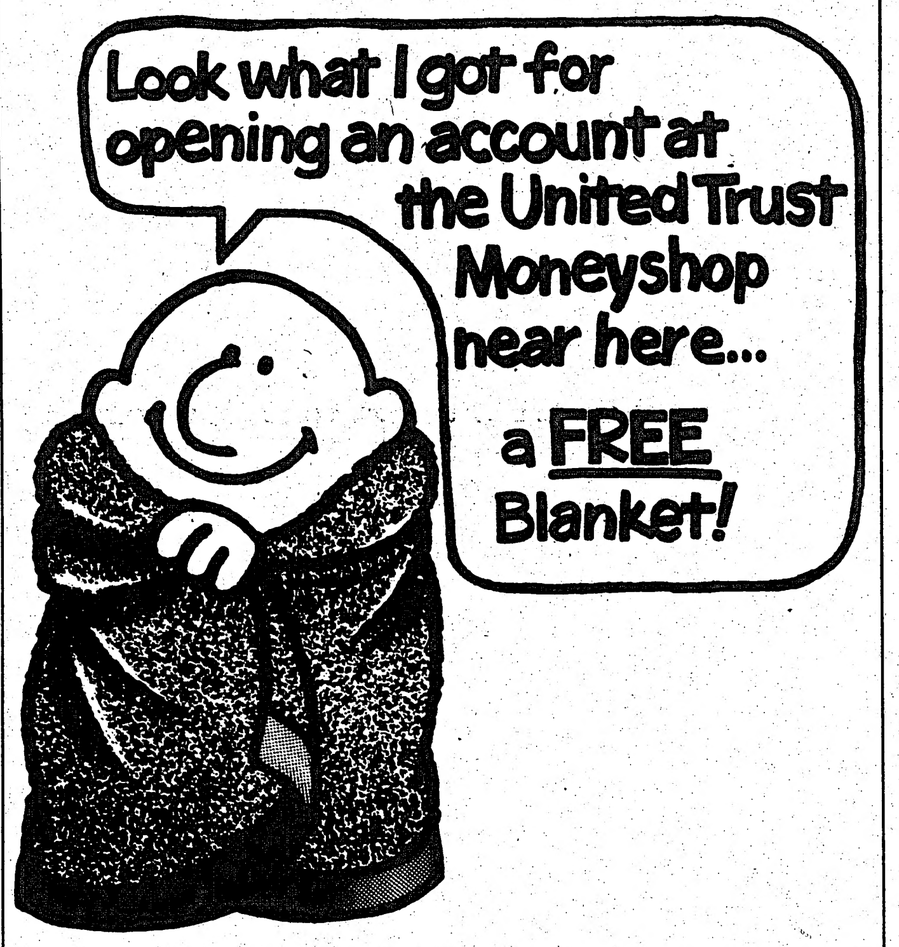

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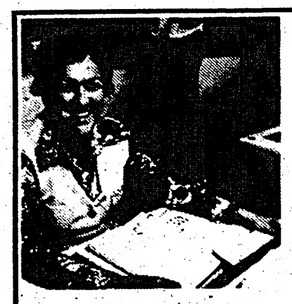
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Satirical ploy rebuts Sadat

From our Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL —

It was clearly the squaring of a long overdue account as Zionism Unlimited, Radio Sales Division, (alias McGill Committee for Social Justice in the Middle East, a branch of the McGill Hillel) presented one of its wares at the Egyptian consulate for transmission to one Anwar Sadat.

The satirical ploy was used as a response "in kind" to a statement made by the Egyptian president to the National Press Club during his recent visit to Washington. He claimed that in 1950 he could not buy a radio in Cairo because a Jewish shopkeeper, under orders from Zionism, refused to sell him one.

"It's a real tragedy that Sadat, as a world leader, may believe that the Egyptian economy was controlled by Jews in 1950 and the old anti-Semitic lie that Jews attempted to take over the world on advice from Zionist leaders," said Robert Weiss, director of the McGill Hillel, who organized the presentation.

Hillel contends the statement was "nothing less than a throwback to that disingenuous concoction of an international Jewish conspiracy à la The Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

As a fitting rebuttal to the "ridiculousness" of the statement, six students "took Sadat's fantasy one step further" and bought an old radio, gift-wrapped and tied with a ribbon, with a letter addressed to Sadat from Zionism Unlimited, Radio Sales Division."

The letter read in part: "In our periodic review of the list of persons deemed suitable for radio ownership, we removed your name at the end of 1945. Unfortunately, however, the corrected list did not reach all our distributors due to unavoidable communication difficulties with our Egyptian agencies. Please understand how hard it is to keep a blacklist effectively up to date."

"I don't think the Egyptian consul understood the sarcasm in the letter.

"They were very friendly though and talked with the students for about 15 minutes," Weiss said. The consul, who refused to be identified, accepted the letter but not the radio.

Toronto Jewish Congress constitution approved

TORONTO —

The Toronto Jewish Congress, the new merged structure of the United Jewish Welfare Fund and Canadian Jewish Congresses, Toronto division, will come into effect at the first annual meeting in January when the executive committee and officers will be chosen.

Sunday, the long-awaited constitution was presented to a joint meeting of the CJC Regional Council and UJWF board of directors and passed with some amendments. Only two of the 126 persons present and eligible to cast ballots — J.B. Salsberg and A. Katz voted against it.

In introducing the new constitution, CJC National Vice-President David Satok, whose proposals were the backbone for the new constitution, said the committee drafting the document tried to embody the best of both organizations. "We're developing a method by which any Jew in Toronto can be involved in running the community," he stated.

Meeting chairman Milton Harris, who is expected to become first president of the TJC, said the constitution was a compromise document which assures the democratic character of the community. The joint constitution committee, which will be the nominating committee for the new body, is under the chairmanship of Sydney M. Harris and Herbert H. Solway.

One amendment at the meeting Sunday sought to change the name of the TJC to Canadian Jewish Congress, Metropolitan Toronto branch, but was voted down in a standing vote.

The TJC will be made up of a council, an executive committee and officers. Council will have representatives of all community agencies, organizations on a formula based on membership and 120 members-at-large elected at the annual meeting.

This body will meet at least twice a year, once immediately after the annual meeting for elections. Each representative, who'll serve a two-year term, will have one vote. The estimated total size of the council is expected to range between 700 and 800 members.

Election of the executive committee will take place at the council meeting immediately following the annual general meeting. The nominating committee of the TJC shall nominate 50 representatives in addition to officers. Also, any seven members of the TJC, (any Jew in Metro Toronto who supports aims and objectives of TJC), may nominate any member of council as a member of the executive committee.

Besides officers and the representatives, a number of committee chairmen will serve on the executive. The 75 to 80-member body will serve one-year terms.

Members of the nominating committee, besides Harris and Solway, are Saul Koschitzky, David E. Newman, J. Sydney Midanik, David Satok, Milton Harris, Mrs. Ray Wolfe, Ronald Appleby, Donald Carr, Mrs. Arnold A Epstein, Phil Granovsky, Jack Rose, David Rotenberg, and Harry Steiner.

Teachers progressing in gaining certification

TORONTO —

The Association of General Studies Teachers in Hebrew Day School is progressing in its action to seek union certification for four of its schools, while a fifth — the United Synagogue Day School — has requested government mediation to settle a contentious wage issue.

All five schools are in various stages of negotiation. USDS, which was granted union status this summer, has failed to reach an understanding on one outstanding issue — the cost-of-living allowance. Both sides in the dispute are expected to sit down with a government mediator next week.

Bialik Hebrew Day School teachers have commenced discussions with their board and it is anticipated they will receive voluntary recognition as a bargaining unit. This carries the same legal force as union certification.

Both Associated Hebrew Schools and Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, after applying for union certification before the Ontario Labor Relations Board, will receive voluntary recognition.

Teachers at Eitz Chaim Schools have completed signing up their general studies staff before they file for certification.

Donni Friedman, chairman of the Association of General Studies Teachers, hopes that agreements reached between the individual schools could be standardized. She has repeatedly stated that a legal strike, although a right of a union, is an alternative the association does not desire.

The association broke off collective negotiations with the Board of Jewish Education two weeks ago after asserting the board had persisted in stalling its decision on contract issues.

Prof. Emil Fackenheim received a 20-second ovation following his moving address at a University of Toronto rally protesting the recent General Assembly vote. Another featured speaker was noted theologian, Father Gregory Baum. About 350 persons attended rally.

Chief Rabbi Rosen of Romania to visit Montreal community

MONTREAL —

The chief rabbi of Romania, Dr. Moses Rosen, will be the guest of the Montreal Jewish community on Nov. 24 and 25. Rabbi Rosen will fly in from New York, where he was guest of the United Israel Appeal. His Montreal visit will be sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress and Mizrachi.

On Monday night, Rabbi Rosen will address a public rally at the Chevre Kadisha Bnei Jacob Synagogue on Clanranald Avenue. On Tuesday, the top lay leadership in the community will meet the rabbi at a luncheon at the CJC building. Rabbi Rosen will also meet representatives of the rabbinic community.

Romania is the only Jewish community in Eastern Europe with a flourishing Jewish community, and Rabbi Rosen is a member of his country's parliament.

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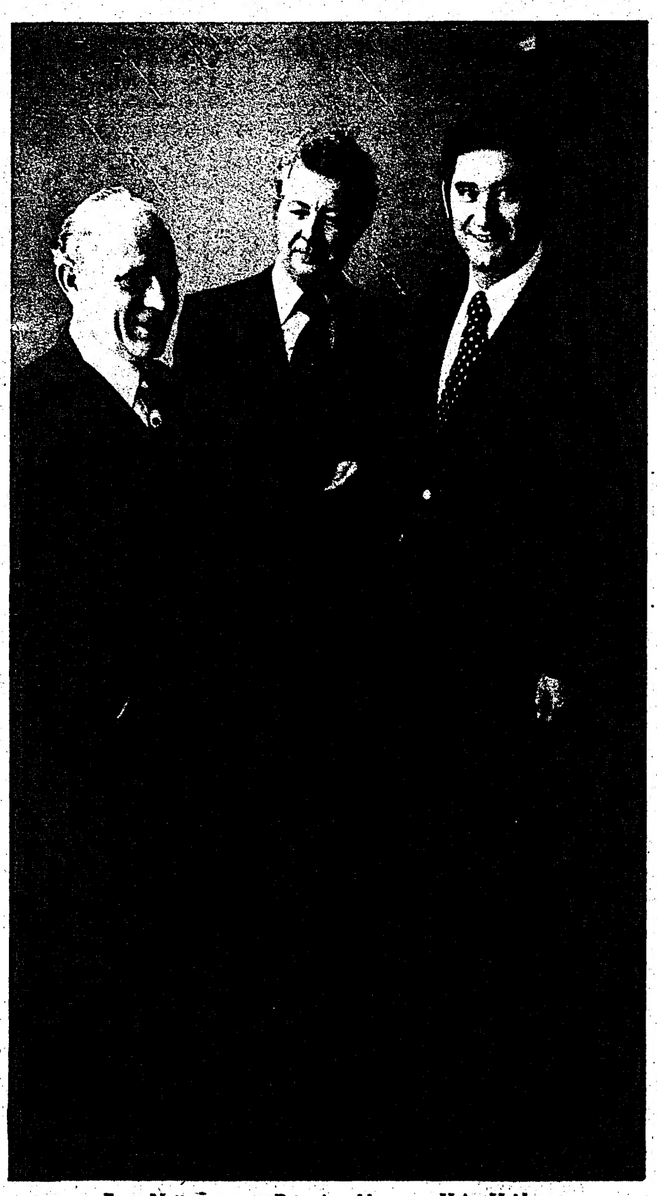

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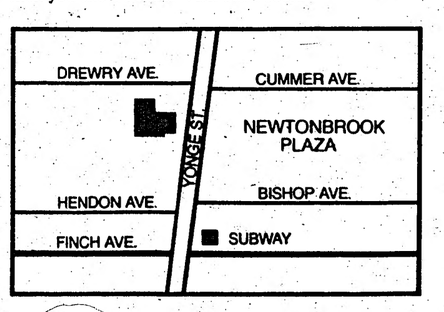

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Community shirks its obligations by failing to stage mass protest rally

On the front page of this week's issue of **The Canadian Jewish News** is a photo of a gigantic New York City demonstration against the anti-Zionist resolution adopted in the United Nations General Assembly. It is a picture which clearly shows the sense of outrage felt by the demonstrators.

There is another picture on the same page. It shows some of the several hundred Jewish students at the University of Toronto who turned out for a rally on the campus last week.

Admittedly, we in this city can't mount a mass demonstration along the lines of New York with its three million Jews, but is the best we can do a student demonstration of a few hundred souls? All credit to the students for arranging their rally, but why was there no turnout of thousands at say, Nathan Phillips Square? Where were the organizations which claim to provide leadership in all matters affecting Jewish interests?

The Canadian Jewish Congress took note of the hideous resolution with its naked invitation to nations to engage in anti-Semitism, to the extent of asking synagogues to deal with the issue at Sabbath services. Fair enough, but this was little more than preaching to the converted. What was needed was a public demonstration of protest attended by not only Jewish leadership but representatives of the Christian community as well. Thousands of our people would have turned out for an occasion of importance.

True enough, there was a rally at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue organized by the CZF following the Oct. 17 approval of the resolution given by the Third Committee of the United Nations. About 1,100 attended the rally, only a fraction of the thousands who would have turned out for an open-air demonstration. It must be remembered, too, that important as that rally was, there was no certainty at the time that the General Assembly would approve it several weeks hence.

The Canada-Israel Committee appears to have kept a low profile in recent weeks, as far as developments at the United Nations are concerned. If there are good reasons for the sins of omission on the part of our community leaders, we would like to hear them. Perhaps there are factors of which we are not aware. But on the face of it, we in this city have allowed a monstrous attack on Judaism to go virtually unchallenged. We can ill afford to remain silent when the sickness of anti-Semitism is spreading its virus across the globe.

As we go to press, there is word that Jewish leaders from across Canada are to convene in Ottawa for an emergency conference on the UN resolution and its implications. Undoubtedly, there will be formal statements flowing from such a gathering. We commend the Canadian Zionist Federation for this development, but it will come 10 days or so after the adoption of the UN resolution, and it has no bearing on the absence of a mass rally in Toronto, or elsewhere in Canada for that matter.

The Canadian government has left itself open to criticism — and deservedly so, in our opinion — for permitting the entry into Canada of a leader of the PLO. He is here to engage in a propaganda speaking tour, fresh from helping to mastermind the infamous UN resolution. His presence on Canadian soil is an affront not only to the Jewish community, but to all people of goodwill.

The vice-chairman of the PLO's United Nations delegation should have been denied entrance to Canada because the organization he represents is committed to bloodshed and destruction of the state of Israel.

His presence is an attempt to give legitimacy to terrorism and anti-Semitism.

This is another reason for public indignation to be voiced at mass rallies.

Isaac Rosenberg's belated recognition is fitting triumph over anti-Semitism

He was killed 57 years ago, on April Fool's Day.

Isaac Rosenberg, 27, who only now is being hailed as one of Britain's finest 20th century writers, died as he had lived: obscurely and in the depth of frustration.

The poets and writers of his generation — Rupert Brooke, Wilfred Owen, Siegfried Sassoon and Robert Graves — achieved fame, if not fortune. Yet Rosenberg, a working class cockney who possessed none of the glittering mannerisms of his uppercrust fellow artists, was relegated to anonymity for reasons of class and anti-Semitism.

The son of Russian immigrants, Rosenberg was scorned or ignored by the literary establishment of the day because he was not one of them. He had not attended the "right" schools. He spoke the language with an accent. And he was not as superficially refined as they fancied themselves to be. In short, he was not a good Christian gentleman. Ezra Pound seemed to be speaking for many of his contemporaries when he called Rosenberg "horribly rough." It was their tacit way of expressing their genteel anti-Semitism.

Certainly, Rosenberg did not attend Eton or Oxford or Cambridge. Rather, at the age of 14, he was apprenticed as an art engraver. At night, he studied painting, and in his spare time he dashed off reams of poetry which remained unread by the critics of the time. Thanks to some wealthy patrons, he enrolled at the prestigious Slade School of Fine Art in 1911. His portraits were admired and applauded, but he remained penniless and physically depleted. Nor could he find work as an engraver after graduating. In desperation, he enlisted in the army.

Ironically, Rosenberg wrote his most intense poetry in the heat of the raging battles of World War I, usually on scraps of mud-soaked paper which he mailed to his sister to type. His poetry, unlike those of his colleagues, reflected the rough working class reality of the war.

Belatedly, Rosenberg is now remembered by a nation of intellectuals who chose to forget him for far too long. Three books have just been published about the artist-poet who grew up on Cable Street in East London. The National Book League, a government supported gallery and cultural group, is currently completing an exhibition on his works. And **The Times Literary Supplement,** that final arbiter of literary excellence, devoted more than two pages to him.

The critics have showered him with praise as well. F.R. Leavis, Britain's most noted judge of literary talent, described Rosenberg as a genius and more of an artist than the redoubtable D.H. Lawrence. Poet Edmund Blunden proclaimed: "He was the greatest of all of us, because he had already seen the pain."

Isaac Rosenberg bore the pain of 2,000 years on his shoulders, and before vanishing forever during a night patrol in the dying days of the war, he penned a moving self-portrait on a frayed piece of brown paper that is said to be one of his finest poems, and probably his last message and testimony to an indifferent world.

Why has Trudeau not devised plan to combat intolerable Arab blacklist?

The oil-rich Arab states invested an astonishing $1.5 billion in the Canadian economy last year. We have no complaint as such about Arab investment. Investments are surely needed at a time of high unemployment and soaring inflation. But if the Arabs attempt to use their fabulous petroleum wealth to blacklist Jewish companies and Jewish businessmen, then it is surely high time for Ottawa to review the whole question of Arab participation in our economy.

In a speech last April, former Liberal cabinet minister, Herb Gray, disclosed that the Export Development Corporation had provided export financing to Canadian firms doing business in the Arab world, despite the knowledge that observance of the Arab boycott was among the terms of the agreement. A nation-wide furore ensued, and Prime Minister Trudeau was compelled to tell the House of Commons that "this type of practice is alien to everything the government stands for."

In spite of Mr. Trudeau's fine words and sentiments, he has thus far shown a strange unwillingness to provide agencies and departments with a firm and unequivocable directive outlining his oral position. Furthermore, according to Mr. Gray, the federal cabinet has still to consider what measures to adopt to prevent the EDC from continuing this intolerable practice.

Mr. Trudeau says he is opposed to discriminatory trade practices. Good. But seven months have elapsed since Mr. Gray's startling disclosures and the government has not emerged with a sane and definite plan of action to combat gross Arab interference in our national life.

Why? The question merits an expeditious answer.

Special ingredient added to patient care by volunteers at Mount Sinai Hospital

By ELLIE TESHER

TORONTO —

Mount Sinai Hospital boasts Toronto's only general hospital facility that recognizes the loneliness and anxiety in family members involved in a surgical drama.

The surgical waiting room, located on the main floor, is designed to ease the tension in relatives awaiting the results of a surgery. Comfortable seating areas, magazines, and the best cup of coffee available in the hospital are provided in this personal link between the intensive care unit, the recovery room, the surgeons, and the concerned visitors.

Manned by specially trained volunteers, the surgical waiting room exemplifies what director of volunteer services, Renee Fleishman calls, "human beings needing human beings in the midst of a mechanized world." Mrs. Fleishman originally joined the hospital staff in 1957, and has been involved with establishing and directing hospital volunteer departments for over 17 years.

Over 600 volunteers have registered their interest in helping others through Mount Sinai Hospital's programs. Of the approximately 70 who are to deliver their services in a given day, there is over 95% attendance, and more in the areas of patient contact, said Mrs. Fleishman in an interview.

The unique relationship that exists between professional staff including doctors, and volunteer workers is seen in the echography unit, a department of radiological sciences in the realm of nuclear medicine, employing ultrasound.

Dr. Murray Miskin, who heads the echography unit, said, "We would be lost without the help of the volunteers in handling the patient load."

Valerie Fine, auxiliary president.

Renee Fleishman, hospital volunteer head.

Patients are less apprehensive about the unfamiliar procedure when assisted by a friendly volunteer, reports Beryl Shapiro, whose 13 years of commitment has led her to leadership in volunteer education.

"Hospital work is my main source of fulfilment from the community," she admits.

The 80% of the hospital's volunteer staff who are Jewish are following a traditional pattern of involvement, dramatically symbolized by the history of Mount Sinai Hospital's original volunteer worker, Mrs. Dorothy Dworkin.

A graduate midwife with a diploma from the Medical State Board of Ohio, she helped form the first women's auxiliary to Jewish medical care (the Free Jewish Dispensary) in 1910. Her daughter and granddaughter have followed her in voluntary hospital service to Mount Sinai Hospital.

Age offers no restrictions to people who desire to serve — 87-year-old Faly Mehr has clocked over 8,000 working hours in her 20 years as a hospital volunteer. She heads a committee of knitting grandmothers and great-grandmothers who supply the gift shop with beautiful baby garments for sale. Gift shop proceeds are part of auxiliary projects earmarked for research.

The Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary sponsors the volunteer department, providing a chairman and committees instrumental in leading volunteer programs. Auxiliary president Valerie Fine cites the a.m.i. (auxiliary multilingual interpreter's) service as an example of the auxiliary-volunteer hand-in-hand relationship.

'Brainstormed' by an auxiliary member, the program is directed to the needs of non or minimally English-speaking patients. With approval from the hospital board, it is staffed by volunteer interpreters and language-aid visitors.

The program provides health lectures in various languages in appropriate community centres, translations for patient and community educational use, and a multilingual library service.

Chairman of volunteer services Ronnie Richman works closely with director Renee Fleishman in translating needed services into human efforts.

Of the 2,700 auxiliary members, 100 serve on board positions, with an executive of 55. Mrs. Fine's present commitment is full-time, capping 10 years of active involvement with the president's post, and an active place on the hard-working executive committee of the hospital's board.

In January, 1974, at the opening of the new hospital building, the auxiliary pledged $1 million for medical research. Last year it produced $155,000 towards that goal through fund-raising projects such as the coffee shop, TV rentals, donation cards, and baby photography. The gift shop alone raised $45,000.

Valerie Fine keeps a proud historic perspective on her auxiliary's value to the hospital. She refers back to Dorothy Dworkin's involvement and the formation in 1921 of the Ezras Noshem Society.

To counter the difficulties faced at that time by Jewish physicians, in obtaining appointments to local hospital staffs, approximately 200 women raised the downpayment on the old Lyndhurst Hospital at 100 Yorkville Avenue. They also wanted to provide Jewish patients with kosher food and familiar surroundings.

It was the gigantic sacrifices of those 200 women that made the Jewish hospital work, from transporting dressings and instruments to be sterilized to hospitals that could afford the expensive equipment, to bodily carrying patients, to hand-laundering linens.

With such a model to follow, suggests Mrs. Fine, auxiliary and volunteer work in the modern and expansive surroundings of today's Mount Sinai Hospital, is a labor of love.

West increasingly accepts distortions

Soviet propaganda rebuffed by Satok

By TOBA KORENBLUM
CJN Staff Reporter

OTTAWA —

In a recent letter to the editor in **The Ottawa Citizen,** a reader reveals his version of the "truth" about Soviet Jewry — neither have they been persecuted for expression of their religious or cultural heritage, nor have they been deterred from free emigration, the writer insists.

What makes this letter deserve more than cursory attention is the signature it bears — Victor I. Mikheev, counsellor, USSR embassy, Ottawa. What makes it warrant concern is that the arguments delivered by the Soviets are becoming increasingly palatable to Westerners growing immune to the cries of discrimination filtering from the Soviet Union.

Writes Mikheev, quite matter-of-factly: "Nobody was and is persecuted in the USSR for religious beliefs, because religion is a private affair of all citizens... Soviet Jews, as other people, prefer better science than beliefs, and no one wishes to remain behind in the pursuit of knowledge."

With a thriving Jewish-Yiddish culture virtually destroyed in the Stalinist pogroms of the early '50s and the program of attrition over the last two decades, Soviet policy has been intent on accelerating the process of Jewish assimilation and suppressing any manifestation of religious culture.

It was to this truth that David Satok, chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry adhered to when he wrote a letter of protest to counsellor Mikheev and **The Citizen.** Satok was quick to point out the reality: Over 250 Jewish schools in the Ukraine alone, in 1925, are no longer in existence and the vibrant Yiddish culture, language and press dwindled to one "official" publication, **Sovetish Heymland,** whose 2,000 copies are intended to serve more than 500,000 Yiddish-speaking Soviet Jews.

In addition, over-optimistic reports have indicated that between the period of 1956 to 1971, the number of synagogues in the Soviet Union has dropped drastically from 450 to 62.

To what "facts" does Mikheev appeal to in bolstering his claim that the Jews, rather than downtrodden, are the Soviet Union's first-class citizens? "All the world knows," he writes in his 16-paragraph letter, "that the Jews in the USSR account for the largest percentage of educated people... They account for about 0.8% of the country's population. But at the same time there are 6.1% of scientists, 5.2% of artists, 6.9% of writers and journalists and 3.4% of medical doctors in the country who are of Jewish origin."

What the counsellor has delineated as a statistical justification for claiming Jewish advantage in Soviet cultural milieu, serves only to characterize the traditional Jewish involvement in professional spheres found in many countries, including Canada.

Satok's retort demonstrates that Mikheev's implication of "over representation" fails to consider that there has, in fact, been a dramatic decrease in the past several years in the percentage of Jews entering professional careers. While the number of Russians entering science related fields more than quadrupled in the period from 1955 to 1970, the number of Jews entering similar professions increased only 2½ times.

"There is sufficient evidence to indicate," writes Satok, "that this is a result of a deliberate campaign of discrimination against Jewish students, reminiscent of the quota system used under the Czarist regime."

Mikheev is similarly "informed" on the point of Jewish emigration when he comments, in a sweeping assertion: "If a Jew wants to go to Israel, it is not a crime and for it he can't be persecuted." However, he continues, "Permission to emigrate is and will be refused to those who know important military secrets."

The graphic accounts of Refuseniks still in the Soviet Union and those of recent emigres depict, in many cases, a tense waiting period after jobs, status and security are wrenched from under them. The pretext of "military secrets" has given the Soviets broad leeway to deter those whose associations with state security are quite tenuous — the scientist, the translator, the soldier, the state employee whose knowledge becomes obsolete when forced to resign upon application for emigration.

Contemporary Soviet propaganda (the recent UN resolution is merely a confirmation) is an illustration of a pressurized anti-Israel campaign with anti-Semitic overtones — all in an attempt to dampen the Soviet Jews natural feeling for Israel.

Such propaganda has viewed Judaism as the ideological progenitor of Zionism; Zionism as the equivalent of Nazism and the whole amalgam a key element in Moscow's "International Zionism" — the Jewish conspiracy in league with Western imperialism.

Writes Satok to Mikheev, in conclusion: "We sincerely hope that Counsellor Mikheev is a reasonable man and that he is not typical of his colleagues who only see one point of view — theirs. We hope that Mr. Mikheev will not continue to hide behind darkened windows. We hope that he will realize that if all were well with Soviet Jewry there would be no need for a world-wide Soviet Jewry movement, just as if all were well in Czarist Russia, there would have been no need for a Russian revolutionary movement."

Sonnet brought immortality

Landmark Events In Our History

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO —

"... Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free..."

Before her death on Nov. 19, 1887, Emma Lazarus wrote these words (now at the base of the Statue of Liberty in New York's harbor) that have erected, literally, millions of immigrants armed often with nothing more than faith in a brighter future in the New World.

The life of Emma Lazarus was as far removed from the struggle and strife that beset the typical immigrant about whom she wrote, as one could possibly imagine. One of Moses and Hettie Lazarus' seven children, she was born in New York on July 22, 1849 amidst a patrician setting.

While her father continued to prosper in the financial world, and her uncles continued to bring news of the American Civil War (her mother's family, the Nathans, was one of America's earliest Sephardic Jewish inhabitants), young Emma's mind continued to grow and absorb all that her private tutors exposed her to.

In a house full of children and servants and a never-ending stream of important guests, she devoted her time to playing the piano, learning new languages (she would eventually master about six), translating important works, enjoying summers at their Newport home and dabbling in verse writing. And thus, life drifted along for pensive, rather frail-looking Emma until her meeting in late 1866, with Ralph Waldo Emerson.

The effect he had on her writing was matched by one other event — the pogroms against Jews in Russia following the assassination of Czar Alexander II on March 13, 1881.

Prim and proper Emma often went to the harbor (as did many other young affluent New York ladies) to see if she could help the Russian Jewish refugees "yearning to breathe free" who had fled the bitter cold and cruelty of the land of the Czars for the bright hope America held.

The effect of her involvement with types of Jews and their problems that she had never before known continued to show up in her outpouring of verse even through the period of her visits to Europe, her friendship with Robert Browning and right up to her last days when illness cut her life short.

It would not be for 16 years after her death that Emma's sonnet, "The New Colossus" (she originally wrote it in 1883 to help raise money for the statue's pedestal), would finally be forever engraved below the Statue of Liberty.

Now the "mighty woman with a torch" who entreats all nations to send "the homeless, tempest-tost to me" had a verbal reminder of her significance, and Emma Lazarus, in turn, had earned herself a place in history.

American poet Emma Lazarus

ask the rabbi

Wearing wigs to keep din not ridiculous

1. If Orthodox women have their hair shorn so as not to be attractive to men other than their husbands, are they not defeating this purpose by wearing the glamorous wigs of today?

I am no great advocate of the sheitel but let us be fair. First, although among the Ashkenazim in Eastern Europe it was frequently the custom, in some places, for the hair to be shorn this was by no means universal and the Sephardim objected to it very strongly. The din says nothing about the need for married women to make themselves unattractive.

The purpose of the covered head (not shorn head) was on grounds of modesty, i.e., the hair, being woman's glory, should not be paraded in public (according to a well-known Talmudic passage, extremely pious women covered their head even in the privacy of their own home).

Many of us would argue that, since this is the reason, nowadays, when it is not considered to be immodest of women to have uncovered hair, there is no need for them to wear headcovering in public. This seems to be an unanswerable argument but it has to be realized that Orthodox rabbis do not accept it.

They hold that the din does refer to a head-covering and the law is not subject to change. Now when wigs first began to be worn the authorities were divided as to whether this constitutes a "covering".

It should be noted that even those authorities who objected did not do so on the grounds that a wig rendered the woman more attractive. There is no objection to an attractive head-covering. The aforementioned authorities argued rather that hair cannot be considered to be a "covering" so far as hair is concerned.

Eventually, the sheitel was accepted as adequate covering by the majority of Orthodox Jews. So the wearing of glamorous wigs for the purpose of keeping the din is not quite as ridiculous as it seems at first glance.

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Sammy Luftspring, well-known in Toronto boxing and entertainment circles, has written his autobiography which brings back many memories of Jewish ghetto life in '30s and '40s.

Pleasantly brings back an era only just departed

Autobiography nostalgically recalls Spadina, College area

By BEN KAYFETZ

Call Me Sammy is Sammy Luftspring's story about growing up in the College and Spadina section of Toronto, a story of the demi-monde of boxers, racetrack characters, taxicab drivers; a story about bootlegging as it was carried on in Nassau Street and other Kensington area offshoots in the 1920s and the hungry 1930s, of the open gaming houses of Will Morrissey and Abe Orpen.

It's a story built around Toronto by a man closely bound up and identified with the city and very much in love with it. It takes one back to the old Ontario before the days of civil rights and anti-discrimination, when the sports columnists and reporters of the big city dailies (yes, even the liberal **Daily Star** of that day) wrote about the "aggressive little Jew boy"; when the scribes called any Jewish pugilist a "Hebe fighter" or a "son of Moses," and no one took offense, (or seemed to).

It's a story about what happens when a promising young fighter wins the Canadian title, is in sight of the world championship and suddenly through a freak accident — which is really not such a freak after all, considering the intensive pummeling boxers are subject to — he loses the sight of an eye. His entire world collapses and his greater fear is that he will wind up a bum — a real fear considering what happened to many of his contemporaries.

It's also a story of a Jewish father determined to publicly assert and demonstrate this "non-bum" status even if it means following economist Thorsten Veblen's theories of conspicuous consumption and financing his son's $5,000 bar mitzvah through sale of a taxicab.

It's also a tale that touches on the organized Jewish community. How many of us knew that when Luftspring and Baby Yack took their abortive sea voyage to participate in the anti-Fascist Olympics in Barcelona in 1936, they were staked by a fund-raising stag sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress presided over by that staid son of England, the late O.B. Roger? And who among us recall that on July 7, 1936, a letter from Luftspring and Yack appeared in the old **Toronto Globe,** in which the two young men proudly and with dignity renounced any intention of participating in the Olympic Games of Nazi Berlin? "The German government," they wrote, "is treating our brothers and sisters like dogs."

Luftspring's book makes no secret that the writing is "as told to" Brian Swarbrick. No one would suspect the Elizabeth Street-born fighter of harboring hidden literary talent. But the ghostwriter does an excellent job of giving it Luftspring's articulation.

Unlike most of his contemporaries, Luftspring came to boxing not through street fighting or brawling. He was, he tells us, the babied younger son in a family of protective older sisters from whom he never heard a harsh word. It was the smokers on Queen Street west held above the old Mary Pickford cinema and the lure of fame and attention that gave him incentive and motivation for the fight game and made him polish, study and sharpen his reflexes.

Throughout the book he waxes nostalgic and sentimental about College and Spadina, attributing values and experiences that helped mould him and acknowledging his eternal debt. He does his bit to create a mythology designed to outdo Mordecai Richler's rival St. Urbain Street in Montreal. (The publisher's leaflet even distorts the legend by referring to the area as "notorious," a word Luftspring doesn't use).

The Jewish component is a strong thread throughout the book. It tells of his father's relationship to the Slipier shtibel, his New York manager Al Weill's burning desire to create a Jewish world champ, his brushes with anti-Semites, his renunciation of the Berlin Olympics. One thing is quite certain, Luftspring has never suffered from an identity crisis let alone likely not understanding the concept. To paraphrase his older literary contemporary whom he failed to meet when he stopped in Paris en route to Barcelona, "a Jew is a Jew is a Jew..."

There is one episode involving the Jewish community in which Luftspring probably participated that this writer regrets he didn't mention. It was the famous "Social and Athletic Division" of the first United Jewish Appeal in Toronto in that big first year of 1948 when the prize fighters, the hotel habitues, the ex-bootleggers, the bookmakers, organized to do their stint for the newly formed Jewish state. The participants were the Damon Runyon personages he mentions with names like Mexican Pete, Joe the Goof, Maxie Chicago, Pork Chops, Freddy the Beast and other colorful tags which sound lifted right out of **Guys and Dolls** but which this reviewer can vouch were real.

Call Me Sammy isn't a great book, not a startling book, but it's a good book, warm and nostalgic, and it will bring back a pleasant taste and flavor of an era only just departed.

Call Me Sammy,
By Sammy Luftspring,
Prentice-Hall of Canada,
224 P. $8.95

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'It's compliment if mean nations are enemy'

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayishlach

Mincha hee shlucha la'adonee l'aisov...it is a present sent unto my lord, even unto Esau...

It's nice to have friends — but the greatest compliment a mean person (or nation) can pay is to become your enemy...

Once two Rabbis went walking, and anti-Semites started throwing stones at one of them. After they fled, the Rabbi who had been hit saw his friend sobbing. "What's the matter," he asked, "they didn't even throw at you?" "That's why I'm heartbroken," his friend wept. "Rashi says it's a **halacha** that Esau hates Jacob. If they threw at you, it's a sign you're holy enough to earn the honor of their hating you — while I wasn't worthy enough..." (Mayanot Hanetzach)

But who wants such "honors"? We need all the Ribono Shel Olam's help to defend us against the new Hitlers... Not only must we do more mitzvahs — we have to do them with fire and feeling. Consider...when Jacob finally met Esau, he said sadly — "**Im Lavan gartl**... I lived with wicked Laban, kept the mitzvahs, but didn't learn from his bad ways..." (Rashi)

It's strange, though...what was Jacob unhappy about — isn't it great that he wasn't influenced by Laban? But Jacob cried — "when Laban and his boys went to a **traifa** Chinese restaurant or hockey games on Shabbos, I saw how happy and excited they were. I wish I could do mitzvahs so eagerly..." (Rabbi Meir Shapira of Lublin)

We need G—d's vote more than the United Nations' — the only way to stay on His good side is by cooling it on **avairos**...even "little" ones. Imagine...in the middle of the night, Jacob risked his life to return for a few **pachin kitanim** — small jugs — and suddenly the Yetzer Horah angel began a furious wrestling match. Over what, a few cents worth of jars — why didn't Jacob let him keep it?

Ah but it teaches an important thing. The yetzer horah knows his customers — when he seduces a Jew to sin, he always starts small — "listen, what's so bad if you finish Shabbos a little earlier, or you buy ice cream that doesn't have a **hechsher**...or if your son dates a Gentile girl just occasionally — it's **nisht gerfallech**..." He chips away, bit by bit, until nothing is left except a shell. But Jacob used Kung Fu right away — because the only way to safeguard Yiddishkeit is by being supercareful even of the smallest **avairah**... (Ituray Torah)

Thank G—d for loopholes... After all, what individual Jew is ever so ay-yay-yay? — but together we're Super-Jews. Doesn't it say? — "And I shall make thy seed **k'chol hayam** — like the sands of the sea..."

Between you and me — what's so great about being sand? But it shows — what mishugena walks around picking up one grain of sand — sand is always piled up together. The same way...you look at this or that Jew, maybe there's only a few mitzvahs here and there. But the Ribono shel Olam scoops us all up together and says — "Who can compare in holiness to my Yiddelech — even Miami doesn't have such sand..." (Pnay Aryeh)

The disgraceful United Nations vote is a sign that we must do Teshuva. It's never too late. Once the ignorant members of a **chevra kadisha** visited the tzadik Rabbi Elimelech of Lishensk who was lying on his death bed. They didn't recognize him, and they said brusquely — "Reb Yid, do teshuva before you pass on." Reb Elimelech opened his eyes and saw who he was dealing with. He began confessing his "sins" — gross **avairos** he had committed during his life. The chevra kadisha were so moved by his confession — which coincidentally happened to be the same transgressions they had — that they all did Teshuva.

Oh, poor, foolish enemies of Israel! Shabbot Shalom.

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UN resolution must sound alarm for decent people, warns Herzog

UNITED NATIONS —

Following are excerpts from a statement by Chaim Herzog of Israel during debate last week on the General Assembly resolution on racism, which equated Zionism with racism:

"It is indeed befitting, Mr. President, that the United Nations, which began its life as an anti-Nazi alliance, should 30 years later find itself on its way to becoming the world centre of anti-Semitism. Hitler would have felt at home on a number of occasions during the past year, listening to the proceedings in this forum, and above all to the proceedings during the debate on Zionism.

The resolution before the Third Committee was originally a resolution condemning racism and colonialism, a subject in which consensus could have been achieved, a consensus which is of great importance to all of us, and to our African colleagues in particular. However, instead of this being permitted to happen, a group of countries, drunk with the feeling of power inherent in the automatic majority and without regard to the importance of achieving a consensus on this issue, railroaded the committee in a contemptuous maneuver by the use of the automatic majority into bracketing Zionism with the subject under discussion. Indeed it is difficult to speak of this base move with any measure of restraint.

I do not come to this rostrum to defend the moral and historical values of the Jewish people. They do not need to be defended. They speak for themselves. They have given to mankind much of what is great and eternal. They have done for the spirit of man more than can readily be appreciated by a forum such as this one.

I come here to denounce the two great evils which menace society in general and society of nations in particular. These two evils are hatred and ignorance. These two evils are the motivating force behind the proponents of the resolution and their supporters. These two evils characterize those who would drag this world organization, the idea of which was first conceived by the prophets of Israel, to the depths to which it has been dragged today.

Zionism is the name of the national movement of the Jewish people and is the modern expression of the ancient Jewish heritage. The Zionist ideal, as set out in the Bible, has been and is an integral part of the Jewish religion.

Zionism is to the Jewish people what the liberation movements of Africa and Asia have been to their own people.

Zionism is one of the most stirring and constructive national movements in human history. Historically, it is based on a unique and unbroken connection, extending some 4,000 years, between the People of the Book and the Land of the Bible.

How sad it is to see here a group of nations, many of whom have but recently freed themselves of colonial rule, deriding one of the most noble liberation movements of this century, a movement which not only gave an example of encouragement and determination to the peoples struggling for independence, but also actively aided many of them during the period of preparation for their independence or immediately thereafter.

The Arab delegates talk of racism. What has happened to the 800,000 Jews who lived for over 2,000 years in the Arab lands, who formed some of the most ancient communities long before the advent of Islam. Where are those communities? What happened to the people and what happened to their property?

The Jews were once one of the important communities in the countries of the Middle East, the leaders of thought, of commerce, of medical science. Where are they in Arab society today?...

The issue before this Assembly is not Israel and not Zionism. The issue is the fate of this organization.

Over the centuries it has fallen to the lot of my people to be the testing agent of human decency, the touchstone of civilization, the crucible in which enduring human values are to be tested. A nation's level of humanity could invariably be judged by its behavior towards its Jewish population. It always began with the Jews but never ended with them.

This wicked resolution must sound the alarm for all decent people in this world. On this issue the world has divided itself into good and bad, decent and evil, human and debase.

We the Jewish people will recall in history our gratitude to those nations who stood up and were counted and who refused to support this wicked proposition. I know that this episode will strengthen the ideals they so value. I know that this episode will have strengthened Zionism as it has weakened the United Nations."

'We will overcome this latest menace'

There is method to madness of anti-Israel bloc in the UN

By J.B. SALSBERG

It would, in my opinion, be a dangerous illusion to consider the UN Assembly's branding of Zionism as racism as a temporary flight from reason and decency by the Arab-led majority in the world organization. To quote Shakespeare: "Though this be madness, yet there is method in't."

As I see it, the General Assembly's outrage only marks the latest stage in the long-range strategy of the most intransigent elements in the Arab world; the strategy that aims at the total liquidation of the state of Israel.

Before the Six Day War, the reactionary Arab spokesmen were blunt when speaking about Israel. They sought — so they publicly declared, time and again — to destroy Israel and drive the Jews into the sea. It was Moscow, when it launched its "anti-Zionist" propaganda campaign following that war, that provided the "anti-Zionist" patch to cover the universally abhorred ugliness of naked "anti-Semitism." Arab propagandist were quick to learn and they, too, began declaring they were not against Jews but only against the wicked Zionists.

But the majority of the world's people and very many of their leaders have never heard of Zionism and, if they have, they didn't know what it stood for. But racism they do know about and, as a rule, they detest it. The Arab leaders, who try hard to win as much support as they can for their basic aim — the destruction of Israel — needed a simple formulation to minimize the viciousness and cruelty of their real objective in the eyes of the unwary and the deliberately uninformed hundreds of millions around the world. The simple "Zionism equals racism" formulation could be most deceptive and, therefore, most helpful in their sinister undertaking.

They can now claim to have received "world approval" for their big-lie characterization. This outrage was achieved by them with the aid of the most motley collection of UN members who voted for the Hitler-like resolution for the most dissimilar and often contradictory reasons.

It seems to me we need to have a sober understanding of what took place and, therefore, of what will be required of us, in Canada and North America generally, and what will be necessary to bolster and safeguard Israel.

The worst that could happen would be for us to be lulled into a feeling of security (if not euphoria) by the encouraging reaction to the UN outrage on the part of our own governments and most of our people. We are, of course, appreciative and greatly encouraged by the public abhorence of the racist resolution. But, as the most recent UN line-up has shown, what we will be confronted with is a struggle of global proportions and that struggle has not even begun to unfold...

The big lie technique is based on its endless repetition until the uniformed begin to accept it. That technique will now be resorted to on a massive scale. The enemies of Israel, and Jews in general, will need such a saturation campaign as a prelude to their next step — acts of violence, of terror and of plunder. Yes, there is method of their madness.

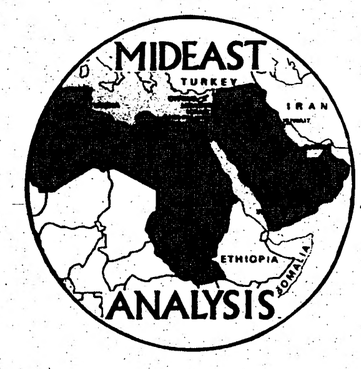
Russia has made most people all but forget Gromyko's famous speech at the UN in 1947 in which he argued for the establishment of the Jewish state. Now Moscow wants to be considered as the foremost fighter against the very state it helped to create. Cynicism? So what! Its embassies everywhere and those of its satellites will soon begin to spew the racist line around the world. The Arab states, with their new-found wealth and authority will, of course, lead the racist drive against Israel and all "Zionists" everywhere. China will not allow itself to remain outside the parade. Even Mrs. Indira Gandhi, the "virtuous and renowned Democratic ruler" of India, will want to be heard in the screeching chorus of haters of Zionism-racism. As for the Idi Amins and other such "democrats" and worshippers of Hitler, they will, of course, try to excel in the howling pack of predators. They will present the big lie formula as: Racism equals Zionism; Zionism equals Jews.

True, that the world is not the same it was in the '30s when Hitler raved and later ravaged Europe. True also that there is now a Jewish state to speak and act courageously. But true is also a very recent experience: Arafat, with gun on hip, being received and cheered by the majority of UN delegates and his terrorist band being accorded diplomatic recognition in the consultative bodies of the United Nations...

Am I pessimistic? By no means. I'm confident we will overcome this latest menace as we have others like it in the past. But I insist on being a realist.

There is a colossal challenge facing us in the immediate future. All our thinking and planning must prepare us to meet that challenge successfully. I see this as our immediate and supreme priority.

U.S. and Egypt moving closer together



By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

President Sadat's recently concluded 10-day official visit to the United States was not an astonishing success but neither was it a dismal failure.

He failed to acquire the promise of purportedly $5 billion worth of arms in an effort to reduce Egyptian reliance on Soviet weaponry, but the prospect is that Egypt will receive American planes and tanks and missiles within six months to one year.

In speeches before the United Nations and in the Congress, Sadat urged Washington to recognize the PLO. Upon his arrival in the United States, he declared that the Palestinians could become "a force for peace" if the U.S. recognized their national rights. He repeatedly warned that the refusal by the White House to lift its diplomatic embargo against the Palestinians was "an open invitation to violence, negativism and extremism."

Although Sadat was patently unable to swing official opinion in favor of the Palestinians, he did succeed in capitalizing on what he likes to call his "great gamble": the establishment of good relations with the United States. Sadat has pursued this goal since the Yom Kippur War because he feels that only Washington possesses the leverage to force Israel out of the occupied territories.

Judging by the pressure Washington has exerted on Israel since the 1973 war, it is apparent that Sadat's policy has reaped some fruit. It is little wonder that on the eve of his departure Sadat hinted that Egypt had won a major victory in her long-range efforts to change U.S. policy from fervent support of Israel to one of "even-handedness."

In concrete terms, however, the most tangible achievement of Sadat's visit was the initialling of an agreement expected to lead to the purchase by Cairo of two nuclear power reactors worth $1.2 billion. For the Egyptians, the sale was seen in symbolic rather than practical terms because it signified Egyptian access to modern American technology.

The Egyptians were also pleased by a Ford administration pledge to dispatch $1 billion in aid: $750 million in economic assistance, subject to Congressional approval, and an additional $250 million in food aid. The importance of the aid is that it represents four times the amount of U.S. assistance to Egypt in the current year. Prior to 1974, Cairo did not get a penny from the American treasury.

Economic help is what Sadat desperately needs to head off challenges to his leadership. Plagued by a 30% annual inflation rate, decreasing living standards, enormous foreign debts and a flourishing black market, Sadat hopes to garner large-scale investments from American multi-national firms.

President Ford declared that he would urge big business to "vigorously pursue" investments in Egypt and to help rebuild the creaking Egyptian economy. But despite Washington's intentions, not a major investment has been made in Egypt to date. Analysts attribute the inactivity to a combination of bureaucratic redtape, a vague foreign investment law, an overvalued exchange rate for the Egyptian pound and continuing political uncertainties. The only U.S. companies that have responded to President Sadat's call to reverse his nation's 20-year hostility toward private enterprise have been banks.

Sadat's drive to lure investors to Egypt is really a function of his economic liberalization program — a program that has helped two million Egyptians grow rich but which has not benefitted the remaining 36 million. Mohammed Hassanein Heikal, onetime editor of the daily **Al Ahram,** has constantly said that Sadat is making a fatal error in counting on a narrow group for support, and many foreign diplomats say there will be serious unrest if he does not improve the lot of the poor, whose per capita annual income is less than $250. It is therefore easy to see why Sadat depends on the Americans to rescue Egypt from widespread social revolution.

Sadat is also counting on the United States to prod Israel into making further territorial concessions in the Sinai and on the Golan Heights. He knows full too well that his country will be isolated in the Arab world if Henry Kissinger cannot arrange a second interim accord between Israel and Syria.

Anwar Sadat's objectives are predicated on a pro-American orientation, which is highly popular with Egyptians who despise the Russians. But if Washington can do nothing to prevent the weak Egyptian economy from sliding into disaster, if Washington does not sell arms to the Egyptians, or tries to compel Israel to vacate the occupied Arab lands while wringing certain concessions for the Palestinians, Sadat's position in Cairo will be in jeopardy and a coup will be a likely possibility.

Neither Gerald Ford nor Henry Kissinger intend to witness the demise of Anwar Sadat, one of the best friends the United States has in the Middle East. What this ultimately means is that Egypt will get much more economic aid — and American weaponry.

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

ISRAEL PIANO TRIO

On Thursday, Nov. 27, the Israel Piano Trio (Alexander Volkov, piano; Menahem Breuer, violin, and Zvi Harell, cello) will be appearing at St. Lawrence Centre Town Hall, in a program of classic, contemporary and romantic works. The concert is sponsored by the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation, which, among other things, provides scholarships for Canadian artists to study in Israel. The concert time is 8 p.m.

SHTETL REMINISCENSES

Also on Thursday, the 27th, is the Jewish Book Month event arranged by the Jewish Public Library. It is a panel discussion entitled **Shtetl — Reminiscenses (Were Those Golden Years Really Golden?).** Panelists will be Rabbis Moses Burak of Beth Jacob Synagogue and Bernard Baskin of Hamilton's Anshe Sholom, and Prof. Israel Singer of Brooklyn College. Moderator will be Rabbi Henry Hoschander of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, where the symposium takes place, beginning at 8 p.m.

WEEKEND EVENTS

Here's the Nov. 22-23 weekend lineup: It starts out with an Israeli folk dance workshop at Bloor 'Y' with teacher Israel Yakovee introducing the latest dances. Sessions begin Saturday at 8 p.m. and continue on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Clanton Park Synagogue Sisterhood's annual tea is on Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Norman Shaul, 51 York Downs Dr. Proceeds pay for postage and packaging of used clothing sent to mental institutions and orphanages in Israel.

Beth Sholom Brotherhood's Tefillen and Breakfast Club runs every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. This week's speaker, lawyer Stanley Taube, will discuss **Wills and Estate Planning.** On the 30th, the guest will be Al Waxman, star of CBC-TV's **The King of Kensington.**

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda synagogue is calling a meeting for Sunday at 7:30 p.m. to discuss activities and directions for the new drop-in centre for singles being set up at the synagogue.

Are Jewish Youth Spoiled? is the subject of a panel discussion sponsored by the Professional Club of the Labor Zionist Alliance on Sunday at 8:15 p.m. at the LZA Centre. Panelists will be Sam Resnick, assistant executive director, Congress Central Region; Gerry Resnick (no relation) and Fern Shoot of the University Graduate Club, and Shimon Gordon, businessman. Moderator will be Jerry Genesove, a teacher. Discussion is at 8. Dancing follows.

PLANS FOR A CONFERENCE

Setting plans in motion for their January conference, the Lubavitch Women's League invited representatives of Metro Toronto's Jewish organizations to a think-tank meeting recently. The idea was to see where and how their three-day seminar can link to the spiritual needs of women in their everyday lives. The conference will work around the theme **Completion — The Purpose of the Jewish Leap Year — The Purpose of Life.** If you have any thoughts on the subject, call convener Sandra Gewirtz at 782-9658.

CRUSADE AGAINST NAZISM

The Hillel House November lecture series presents a talk on **Wherever They May Be! — One Woman's Moral Crusade Against Nazism,** by "the woman" herself, Beate Klarsfeld. The date is Thursday, the 27th, at 8 p.m. at the Medical Sciences Auditorium, University of Toronto.

JUDAISM AND ART

A leading authority on Judaica is to be the guest speaker at Beth Tikvah Sisterhood's meeting Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 9 p.m. He is Michael Kaniel, owner of Collector Galleries in Jerusalem, who will be talking about **Judaism and Art — Forces in Conflict?**

BETH TZEDEC CHAI CLUB

Another Tuesday, the 25th, event is Beth Tzedec Synagogue's Chai Club general meeting, starting out at 1 p.m. with a bagel and cheese repast, followed by a musical program presented by Ada Lewis and Sarah Hertzberg. For reservations, call the synagogue office.

WINTER FASHIONS

A fashion show by Eaton's is the program arranged for Baycrest Centre Women's Auxiliary annual Chanukah meeting Wednesday, the 26th, at 1:15 p.m.

MOVIE NIGHT

At Holy Blossom Temple's Young Congregants' movie night on Thursday, the 27th, the film will be **A Touch of Class.** Movietime is 8 p.m.

Pioneer Women of Toronto will be holding their annual bazaar Nov. 23. This is the movement's 50th anniversary. Around cake are (from left): Marilyn Myers, bazaar convenor; Elaine Sugar and Rochelle Moll, publicity committee; Malka Mirsky, president; Norma Barkin, publicity and executive Mollie Rothman.

Pioneer Women to hold money-raising bazaar

The Pioneer Women's Organization is affiliated with the Moetzet Hapoalot in Israel which provides more than 60% of the social services in nearly 1,100 installations in Israel to educate some 50,000 Jewish and Arab women, youth and children.

This year's annual Pioneer Women's Bazaar, to be held at the St. Lawrence Market, Sunday, Nov. 23, will raise money for these essential social services.

From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the market on Front and Jarvis, the public is invited to share a giant 50th anniversary cake along with some of Pioneer Women's first members of Club One — a dedicated chapter of 80 women who last year alone raised $19,500.

Antiques, handicrafts, fashions, toys, books, records, furniture, fresh produce are all on sale — including the traditional favorite, homemade baked and cooked foods.

Beginning at 6 p.m., an auction at St. Lawrence Hall at King and Jarvis will feature a trip for two to Freeport Bahamas with $200 spending money. Admission, at $1 per family, includes entrance to both buildings and three chances on a draw for a 1975 Honda Civic Sedan.

Speaker urges stronger commitment to Zionism

By GOLDA N. BERG

TORONTO —

The infamous UN resolution equating Zionism with racism demands a stronger Diaspora commitment to Zionist movements, according to the Toronto president of Pioneer Women, Malka Mirsky.

"From our recent history we know we can't withdraw from identification with Zionism even if we want to. Withdrawing brings terrible results — as a sign of personal weakness — and its ripples affect our people as a whole," said Mrs. Mirsky. "We must have learnt something from the Holocaust."

Pioneer Women is a Zionist organization representing over 750,000 women in Israel and North America, as well as several countries which have indicated some measure of support for the UN resolution — Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Mexico.

There exists a great threat of reprisals against Zionist movements in these pro-Arab, anti-Israel bloc of South American countries, said Mrs. Mirsky. Many of the Pioneer Women groups, there, although still active, are forced to keep a low profile in predominantly hostile environments. The UN resolution may force some, she said, to pull away from an identification with Zionism.

"We can't exactly be smug," said Mrs. Mirsky, referring to Canada's abstention on the vote calling for PLO participation in the Geneva talks.

At their recent 50th anniversary convention held in Ottawa, over 400 Pioneer Women delegates supported a resolution, relayed to government officials, defying the UN vote and called on members to draw in new recruits to bolster the Zionist group.

The convention heard Tamar Eshel, international president of the women's group, assess, in blunt terms, the social realities of the Mideast. A former member of Israel's delegation to the UN, she told the assembly that world events, particularly as reflected in the UN, call for stronger financial and moral commitment to Israel. Social and educational objects, almost entirely dependent on Diaspora support will be the first to suffer, she added, and require additional funds to survive.

The newly elected national executive include: Eva Natch, Winnipeg, president; Flora Naglie, Montreal, Ruth Leroy, Toronto, Bess Direnfeld, Toronto, all vice-presidents and Rose Bercovitch, Montreal, treasurer.

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Dr. Joseph Burg

Israeli Interior Minister **Dr. Joseph Burg,** a leader of the National Religious Party, will be in Toronto this Monday, Nov. 24. He will be attending the reception honoring the benefactors who participated in the purchase of the Hebrew Men of England site for the Ulpanat Orot Girls' School. The reception is at 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue building.

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Toronto businessman **Chil Elbaum** was one of 18 North American Jewish community leaders to receive a 1975 Amudim Award of Torah Umesorah, the national association of Hebrew day schools. The award, given annually to lay leaders in Jewish education, was presented at the annual dinner in New York last week. Mr. Elbaum, co-president of Eitz Chaim Schools (and instrumental in the construction of the new campus on Patricia Avenue), is also president of Torah Emeth Jewish Centre.

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Rabbi Israel Klavan, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Council of America, will serve as scholar in residence at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue this weekend. He begins on Friday, the 21st, at 8:15 p.m. with an address on **Separatism vs. Coalitionism in Jewish Life.** On Saturday morning, he will deliver the sermon and in the evening, at 8:30 p.m. he will speak on **The Challenges to Jewish Values.** On Sunday at 10 a.m. the rabbi will talk about **The Year 2,000 — the North American Jewish Community.**

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The author in question at the Meet the Author night hosted by Baycrest Centre Women's Auxiliary on Thursday, the 25th, is to be Toronto lawyer Shirley Targov who reached literary fame with A Good Place to Come From. The event is to celebrate Jewish Book Month and the opening of the newly refurbished Baycrest library where it all takes place, beginning at 7:45 p.m.

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The new chairman of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Congress, Central Region, is Toronto insurance man **Harry Wolle,** who has been a member of the committee for a number of years.

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The Ozrower Mutual Sick Benefit Society has chosen **Stan Rosen** as their man of the year, for his long-time dedication to the association. He will be presented with a plaque representing the purchase of trees in Israel in his name. The presentation is to be made at a luncheon at the Borochov Centre, Sunday, Nov. 23.

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Last week Givatayim Chapter of ORT had a surprise luncheon for **Sophie Bennett** in celebration of her 80th birthday. They set up a perpetual scholarship fund in her name for the education of an ORT student. A founding member of ORT in Toronto, Mrs. Bennett is an honorary president on both the local and national scene. The luncheon, at the home of **Magda Collins,** was arranged by the chapter co-presidents **Ann Climans** and **Toni Eckhaus.**

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The new Israeli Ambassador to Canada, **Mordechai Shalev,** is guest speaker of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry luncheon scheduled for Thusday, Dec. 4, at the Royal York Hotel.

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Freelance prizewinning photographer **Jacob El-Baz** (his work has appeared frequently in **The CJN**] tells us that he has just opened a new studio at 3035 Bathurst St., where the former Israeli paratrooper is doing photography, picture framing and starting the nucleus of a gallery.

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Heading up Beth Torah Congregation in its bar mitzvah year, are president **Israel Podell,** vice-presidents **Seymour Zweig** and **Irving Mueller,** treasurer **Jack Rothman,** and secretary **Nathan Naymark.**

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Marjorie Baskin was elected second vice-president of the Canadian Association on Gerontology at the association's recent second biennial conventional in Toronto. Now a research associate in the department of clinical epidemiology and biostatistics, faculty of medicine at McMaster University, Mrs. Baskin has become increasingly involved in the field of gerontology and geriatrics since taking on the chairmanship of the Committee on Aging of the Hamilton and District Social Planning and Research Council in 1961.

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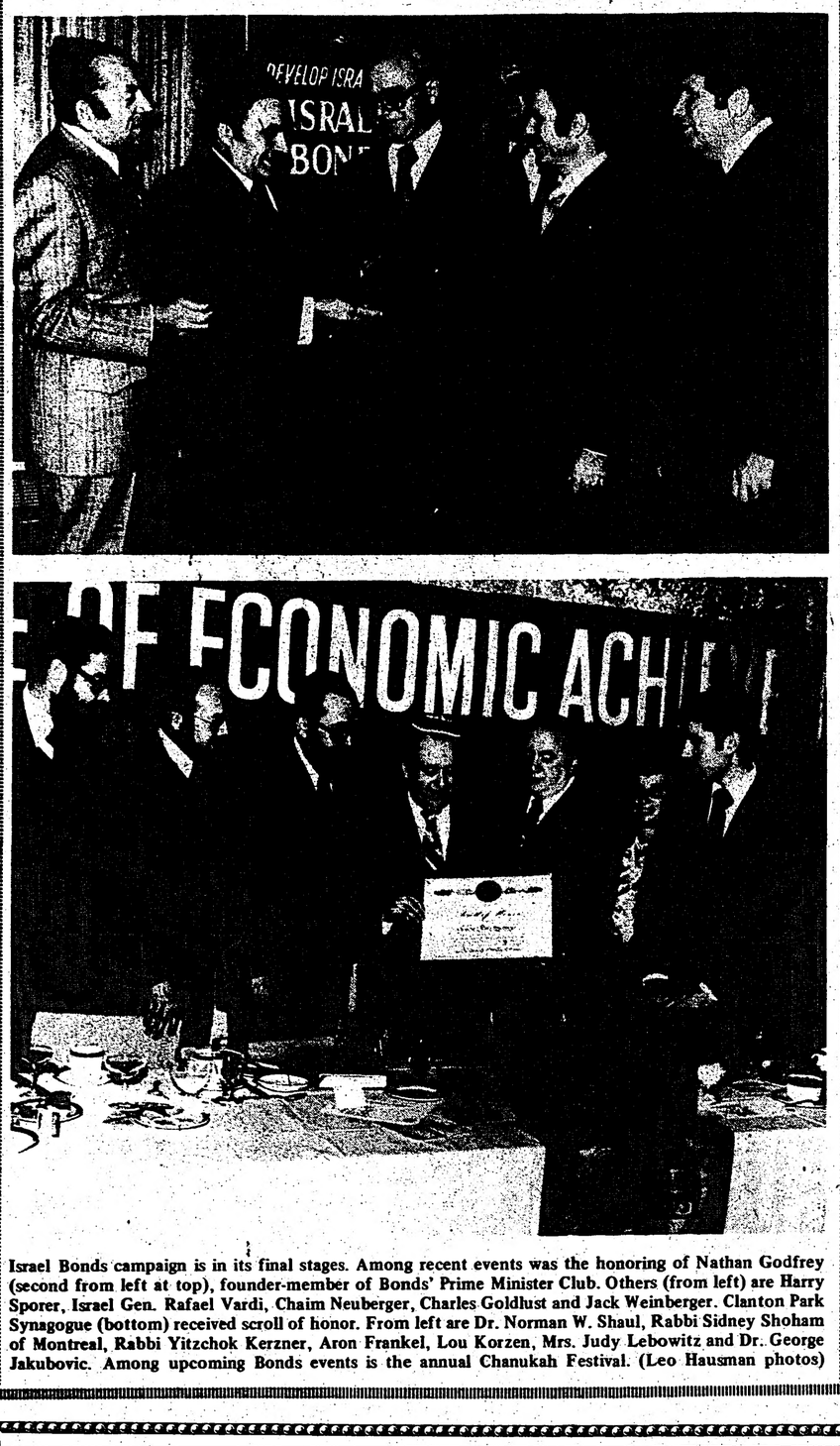


Israel Bonds campaign is in its final stages. Among recent events was the honoring of Nathan Godfrey (second from left at top), founder-member of Bonds' Prime Minister Club. Others (from left) are Harry Sporer, Israel Gen. Rafael Vardi, Chaim Neuberger, Charles Goldlust and Jack Weinberger. Clanton Park Synagogue (bottom) received scroll of honor. From left are Dr. Norman W. Shaul, Rabbi Sidney Shoham of Montreal, Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner, Aron Frankel, Lou Korzen, Mrs. Judy Lebowitz and Dr. George Jakubovic. Among upcoming Bonds events is the annual Chanukah Festival. (Leo Hausman photos)

Canada will likely elect female prime minister before female finance minister: Conservative MP

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO —

Would Canada more readily accept a female prime minister or a female minister of finance? According to Flora MacDonald, candidate for the national leadership of the Conservative Party, the business community is so heavily male-dominated that the chances are that Canada will see a female prime minister first.

Speaking at an all-day event entitled, **Women in the Political Process,** sponsored by Holy Blossom Temple sisterhood, Miss MacDonald, sounding very much like a politician on the hustings, answered the question as to whether she would really like to be prime minister in two words, "You bet."

She also added, "For anyone in politics, it's the ultimate goal, and when I'm there I'll send you all an invitation to use the swimming pool."

Aware that she could be the first female prime minister of Canada and aware that she was speaking at an event marking International Women's Year, the MP for Kingston and the Islands interspersed her talk, which dealt with a wide range of Canadian problems, with such comments as: "The role of women in society is ever-changing, ever-adapting, ever-growing and ever-fulfilling."

She recalled, to the all-female audience, some of the "petty, aggravating" occurrences that continually crop up showing sexist discrimination, such as the time an Ottawa cab driver automatically assumed she was a secretary because she was a woman.

She cautioned the audience, "The narrow circumscribing of women's roles is bad for society because it wastes women's worth."

Despite her attempts to cover everything from transportation problems in small communities, to nuclear proliferation, to her work in Indian affairs and to the repercussions on the whole political system caused by criticizing one politician, the audience seemed interested mainly in her role as a politician who is also a woman, and in the present situation in Canada.

Responding to a question on the Liberal wage and price controls, she noted that despite the fact the Conservatives could have given it to the country 15 months earlier, she wanted them to succeed. Giving some answers that sounded familiarly Liberal, she warned the audience not to expect their grocery bills to be lessened since wage and price controls are greatly hampered by conditions in other countries.

Appearing on the other half of the program were: journalist June Callwood acting as moderator and panelists; Barbara Greene, a North York controller; June Rowlands, active in housing committees and Margaret Scrivener, MPP for St. David, discussing **Women in the Political Process.**

The Israel Piano Trio is scheduled for its first Toronto performance Nov. 27

TORONTO —

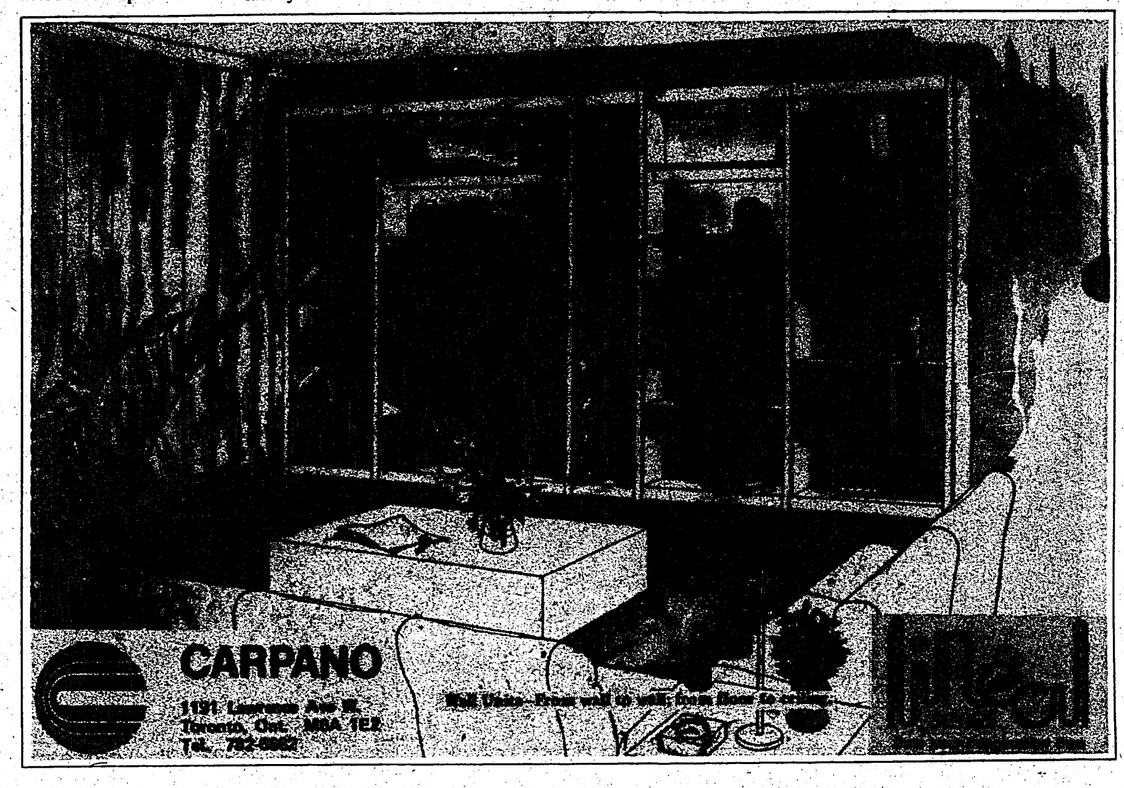
The Israel Piano Trio will make their first Toronto appearance in a performance, Thursday, Nov. 27, at the St. Lawrence Centre.

The trio, was formed by faculty members at the Academy of Music, Tel Aviv University and features Alexander Volkov, a Russian pianist who immigrated to Israel in 1971; Menahem Breuer, violin and Zvi Harell, cello.

The group will be performing classic, romantic and contemporary works at their Toronto premiere.

The piano trio's visit is sponsored by the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation, a non-profit organization devoted to encouraging cultural exchanges and projects in the two countries.

With the guidance of their artistic chairman, Maureen Forrester, the foundation's funds are directed toward scholarship support for young Canadian and Israeli artists.



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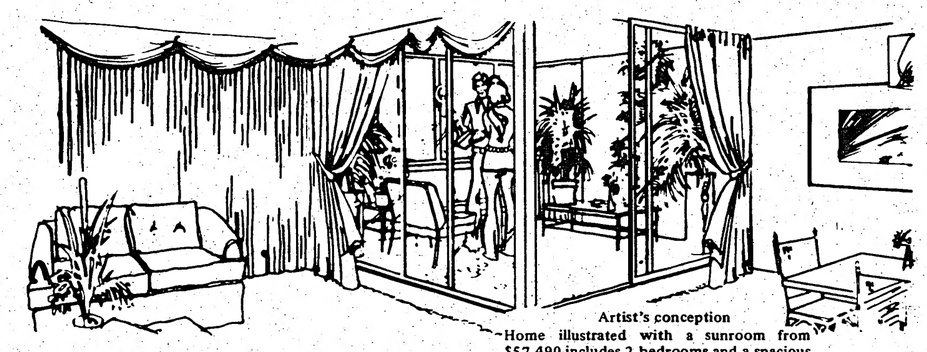

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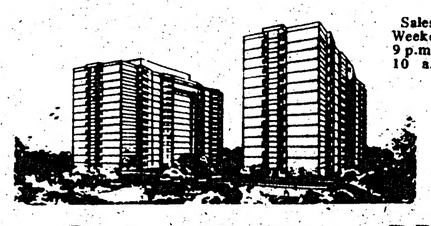

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Financial hero of American revolution included in 'Independence' stamp set

By HAIM YEHUDA

On March 25, 1975, The United States issued a set of four stamps depicting four individuals, who are referred to as "contributors to the cause..." (of American Independence). Although Sybil Ludington, Salem Poor, Peter Francisco and Haym Salomon are not necessarily well-known historical characters to us, the latter name is of interest to us here.

Haym Salomon was born in Lissa, Poland in 1740 and emigrated to the U.S. about 1772. After having settled in New York, he was arrested at the time of the revolution by the British as a spy. While a prisoner, he made use of his linguistic abilities amongst the other captives. Soon he was granted some liberty which allowed him to cause dissention within the ranks of his captors. Eventually, he escaped and went to Philadelphia.

Salomon entered the brokerage business and by 1781 was an important agent dealing in the international bills of exchange market. He was very heavily involved in the negotiation of government borrowings working closely with Robert Morris, superintendent of finance. Salomon acted on behalf of the French government for most of the funds that they advanced to the Americans, probably for the agent of the King of Spain, as well as borrowing money in Holland on behalf of the U.S. treasury.

The great extent of his financial activities is evidenced by his relationships with prominent Americans of the era. He was closely associated with Robert Morris, already mentioned, James Wilson, a member of the constitutional convention, and James Madison, who later became president. The latter two were assisted financially by Salomon. Madison refers to his "kindness." It appears that Salomon was particularly generous not only to officials but also to others.

He aided the poor of Philadelphia and was an active member of one of the first charitable organizations for Jews in the U.S. He was one of the founding members of the Congregation Mickve Israel of Philadelphia. In 1873, the congregation sent a petition to the state government requesting that elected officials not have to take the oath of office over both old and new testaments. Although unsuccessful at the time, it paved the way for a change later.

The American Post Office pays the following tribute to Haym Salomon: "Financial hero — businessman and broker Haym Salomon was responsible for raising most of the money needed to finance the American revolution and later to save the new nation from collapse." This inscription is printed on the back or gum side of each stamp in green letters.

Hillcrest Community library branch to open Nov. 22

TORONTO —

Construction crews and library staff are working to meet the scheduled opening Nov. 22 of the new Hillcrest Community branch in the borough's northeast section. North York Public Library's 17th branch is located on 1.7 acres of land at Leslie Street and Clansman Boulevard, geared to serve a population estimated to be 21,000.

Built at a cost of $386,500 the 8,000 square-foot library will house 20,000 books including those in other languages, as well as records, magazines, periodical's and reference material. The Hillcrest Library is the system's third branch to feature a computer printed catalogue of records and children's books, plus adult books listed by title, author and subject.

"Staff will be planning discussion groups, lectures, craft programs, story times, puppet plays and film shows to meet the community's leisure time needs," commented branch head Ellen Wheatley.

Junior USYers visit Michigan

voice of youth

By JEFFREY LIPSITZ

Twenty-two junior USYers from Bnai Israel Beth David recently spent a weekend with their counterparts of Congregation B'nai Moshe in Oak Park, Mich., just outside Detroit.

During the weekend, the children had opportunities to learn, from speakers, group discussions and movies, about the Holocaust, which was the theme for the Shabbaton weekend, and their role in helping to prevent its reoccurence.

In addition, they prayed, sang and danced, and had fun, sightseeing and roller skating together. The results of the weekend, as observed by the staff that accompanied and supervised the group, were new friends, ruach, and social and emotional growth on the part of the kids and the advisors.

The group sends a vote of thanks to Sharon Landau and all the staff and parents of Congregation B'nai Moshe who were instrumental in the success of the weekend program.

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This weekend, Nov. 21-23, the Beth David and Beth Emeth chapters of USY will host 50 kids from Rochester's Temple Beth El.

Call either of the synagogue offices for information. The leaders of the chapters and organizers of the Shabbaton guarantee lots of fun, new friends and ruach.

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This coming Saturday night, Nov. 22, attend Shaarei Shomayim's Israeli Coffee House, beginning at 8 p.m. You will be entertained by exciting Israeli singers and movies, and served locally-baked pizza and fallafel to excite your taste buds.

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On Monday night, Nov. 24, at 8 p.m., members of the Temple Sinai youth group will put on their own production, a play entitled **War Flowers**. The script and music were written by the kids and the play was directed by Mitch Moldofsky. It deals with Israelis' reactions to and feelings about war in Israel 1947-1975.

There is no charge for admission, but donations will be accepted, and will be directed to three projects of Reform youth, the new Reform kibbutz in Israel, (see Voice of Youth, Oct. 31), the Leo Baeck Day School, and International Torah Corps, a camp in New Hampshire for Reform Youth, about which there will be a more detailed report in a future issue.

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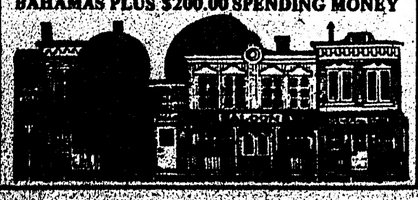

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SYNAGOGUE CELEBRATION

There was a joyous march from Toronto Hebrew Men of England Congregation Saturday to Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, where merged congregations will be located. Overflow crowd attended ceremonies. (El-Baz)

Overflow crowd attends graduation of Associated junior high students

TORONTO —

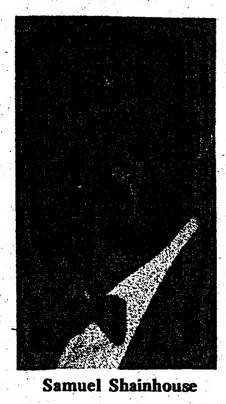
With an overflow audience filling very nook and corner of the large school auditorium, 118 students of the Associated Junior Day High School received their diplomas and a variety of scholastic prizes and awards last week.

Arthur Tannenbaum, administrator, announced that every graduate would also receive a Tanach and a Star of David, and the girls would receive a sabbath candelabra, courtesy of the P.T.A.

Samuel Shainhouse, president of Associated, greeted the graduates. The valedictorian for general studies, Deena Bernholtz, pointed to unity of the Jewish people as one of the important values fostered by Associated.

Diplomas were distributed to the 118 graduates by Jacob Burke, principal of Hebrew studies, Rabbi Howard Sacknovitz, guidance co-ordinator, Mrs. J. Noyek, P.T.A. president, Joseph H. Rosenfield, principal, general studies, and Dr. Sidney Kaz, principal, general studies. It was pointed out that of the 118 graduates, over 100 are continuing at the Community Hebrew Academy, Yeshivot or other Jewish Day High Schools, despite the difficult work involved in a double program of Jewish and general studies.

The general proficiency award in general studies was presented to Sheldon Hershkop by Harold Dessen, chairman of the Vaad Ha Chinuch. Other awards in general studies were presented by Louis



Samuel Shainhouse

Weisfield, chairman of the board, and Mrs. H. Cait, principal, general studies, elementary school, to the following: Deena Bernholtz, Robert Eisen, Esther Friedberg, David Goodman, Marla Goodman, David Gwartzman, Fern Lerner, Leslie Pollack, Charles Radzinski, Nelly Singer, Sharon Sussman and Mindy Wenner.

A special award of merit for excelling in both general and Hebrew studies was presented to Alex Krugatnikov, who arrived from Russia a year ago.

In addressing the student body, Rabbi Akiva Egozi, new educational director, stressed the values of faith, Jewish courage and Jewish consciousness that the school has implanted in them and urged them to hold fast to these values.

In a symbolic gesture, Robert Eisen, the Hebrew valedictorian, handed a burning torch, denoting the Torch of learning, to representatives of the current grade 9.

The general proficiency award in Hebrew studies was won by Mindy Wenner. In presenting the award, Rabbi Irwin Witty, director, Board of Jewish Education, reminded the audience that Mindy had been privileged to twice represent Canada at the International Bible Contest for Youth in Jerusalem.

Other prizes and awards in Hebrew studies were awarded by J. Barney Goldhar, chairman scholarship committee, E.I. Deutsch, principal, and Dr. L. Jacober, principal emeritus, to the following: Robert Eisen, Marshal Gallinger, Sheldon Hershkop, Fern Lerner, Karen Levitt, Charles Radzinski, Zippora Shekel, Nelly Singer, Sharon Sussman, Lily Traurig and Mark Weiss.

Bazaar triples previous record

By MOURA WOLPERT
Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON —

At a few minutes past 2 p.m. one lonely white felt hat was all that was left on what had only an hour before been an enormously long table piled high with grab bag specials — 'all you can fit in our bag for $1' — between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

There was still a line-up outside and just inside the entrance a somewhat bewildered policeman demonstrated how he had been shoved aside and almost knocked over by the horde of bargain-seekers as they charged into the James Street Armouries at 10 a.m.

Advertised as The Big One, big is what Hamilton's Hadassah bazaar turned out to be. Bigger than anyone had expected or dared to hope.

"Here we have three times the amount of space we ever had before and we thought we'd never be able to fill it," admitted convenor Joy. Foster as swarms of shoppers milled around.

No figures were as yet available the morning after but a hoarse and weary Shirley Molot, co-convenor, estimated that more than three times the number of people than ever before had attended the bazaar. "There were traffic jams, police... something never before seen at a Hamilton bazaar."

For years the bazaar had always been held at the Jewish Community Centre but as it grew from year to year and space became increasingly cramped and crowded, the women finally took the plunge and, with trepidation and some nervous nail-biting, moved it to the large hall at the armories.

They needn't have worried.

"It's utterly fantastic," said Gloria, Wunder, a past president, as she surveyed the mid-afternoon crowd. "They haven't stopped coming since it opened." When the first women arrived, an hour before openint time, they found a line-up ringing the block.

President Ruth Slater had nothing but praise for the enthusiasm and hard work of her members and like everyone else, was elated at the evident success. "Everybody made a superb effort." Whole families had turned out the night before, with husbands and children helping with the final setting up.

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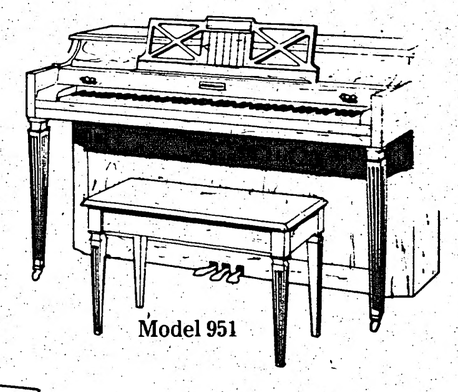
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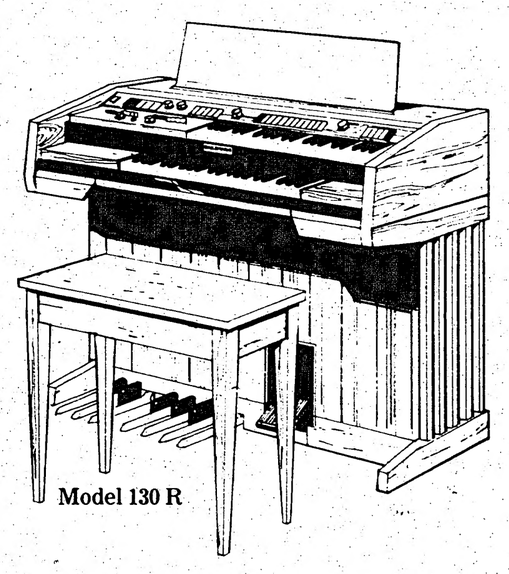
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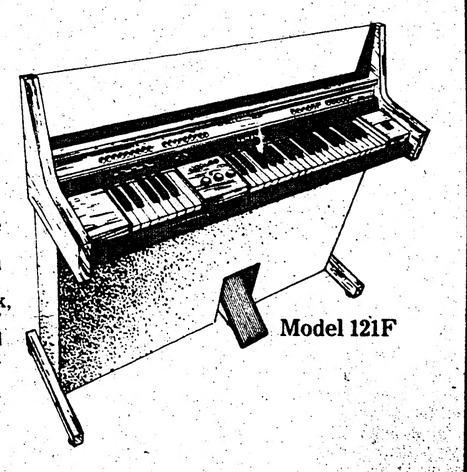
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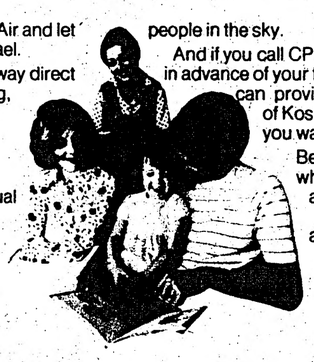

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Peace impossible unless both sides overhaul attitudes, says prominent Egyptian author

By Sheldon Kirshner
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —
Declaring that Arabs and Israelis resemble each other in their fears, prejudices and hatreds, a prominent Egyptian author and lecturer told an audience here recently that peace will be an impossible goal unless both sides overhaul their attitudes and perceptions.

Sana Hassan, daughter of a onetime Egyptian ambassador to the United States and United Nations, said in an impassioned speech, sponsored by Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East, that Arabs must cease applying "pseudo-objective criterion" to define Jewish objectives and Israelis must stop invalidating the national claims of the Palestinians.

Sana Hassan — Egyptian author-journalist. (El-Baz)

A 28-year-old doctoral candidate in political science at Harvard, Miss Hassan deplored the Arab tendency to view Zionism as a racist, imperialist ideology and simultaneously criticized the Israelis for being contemptuous of Arabs and for ignoring and underestimating the 1,400,000 Palestinians in their midst.

Charging that the Arabs and Israelis were guilty of "moral irresponsibility," the intense and portly Egyptian suggested that neither side in the conflict has any desire "to come to terms with the anguish and pain" suffered by both people.

The antagonists, she explained, are "too wrapped up" in their respective problems. And besides, she noted, it is mentally easier for the Arabs to think of Israel in terms of "imperialist machinations" instead of her tragic, Holocaust-tinged past. On the other hand, the Israelis "don't want to hear of the Palestinian Arabs."

Miss Hassan, addressing a crowd of some 150 in the auditorium of the medical sciences building of the University of Toronto, illustrated her thesis with various examples based on her recent experiences in Israel. One of the first Egyptian nationals to visit the Jewish state, she disclosed she was impelled to go to "the enemy camp" out of curiosity and a genuine desire to break down the walls of hatred.

Her initial impression of Israel was not positive, she said, because she encountered rudeness and impoliteness among the Israelis. With the passing of time, however, "I found a remarkable people — a generous, open and welcoming people with a nobility of character."

Despite her favorable impressions, she left Israel feeling less optimistic of the chances of peace. "Rooted, objective problems remain and this makes the tragedy harder to bear," she asserted.

Miss Hassan said Israel and the Arab states can begin to eliminate mutually-held stereotypes if they delete derogatory references from school textbooks. Although she conceded Arab books are full of rabid anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic material, she warned that Israeli schools are also to blame for inculcating prejudices and misapprehensions.

She attacked Israeli text books for lacking objectivity concerning the Palestinians and for depicting the Arab-Israeli imbroglio like a cheap American Western movie.

Real peace, she warned, cannot be achieved until the rights of the Palestinians are assuaged. She scoffed at the notion of a secular state, saying that Jews would be reduced to second-class citizens under such a regime, but suggested that a West Bank-Gaza Strip state was a possibility.

Asserting that the rank-and-file membership of the PLO believed that Israel was an indisputable fact which could not be destroyed, Miss Hassan said it was in Israel's long-term interests to talk to the Palestine Liberation Organization before being recognized by that group. She said the PLO negotiators would recognize Israel's sovereignty in the course of the negotiations.

B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights presents its second annual media awards

MONTREAL —
The League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith has honored Halifax radio station CHNS, Montreal television station, CBMT, and the Granby, Quebec newspaper **La Voix de l'Est.**

According to the League's national chairman Harvey Crestohl, "the annual Media Human Rights Awards were inaugurated last year to call public attention to the indispensable role played by the media in energetically and persistently bringing forth issues where human rights are being denied or are in jeopardy."

CHNS received the League's second annual radio award for its program **Black Journal** dealing with black community issues in Halifax.

CBMT was honored for **Midnight,** the television show featuring Laurier Lapierre who dealt with many human rights issues.

La Voix de L'Est was recognized with the press award for its courageous stand in support of a halfway house rehabiliation centre in the face of stiff opposition from various members of the local community.

The three awardees each received a mural wood sculpture hand carved by renowned Quebec artists Pierre Bourgault and Mario Lamarre. Media representatives from British Columbia to Newfoundland flew to Montreal to attend the event.

A number of special honorable mention awards were also made at the same event to **The Globe and Mail** for the Arnold Bruner series on racism; **The Kitchener-Waterloo Record** for the Frank Etherington series on the plight of the young offender in penitentiaries, and **The London Free Press** for the George Hutchison series on the disastrous effects of mercury pollution on the lives of fishermen, particularly Indian Canadians on Ontario reserves. CBF radio of Montreal, British Columbia radio stations CKNW and CFJC, the newspaper **L'Eau Vive** of Regina and **The Daily News** of St. John's, Newfoundland were similarly honored.

'University students seeking Jewish identity'

By Rosalyne Federman

TORONTO —
The chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Dr. Gerson D. Cohen, says that among university students today there is a definite swing back to seeking Jewish identification and roots.

But, Cohen warned in an address to the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, student disaffiliation on campus is still a major problem, the result of inadequate Jewish preparation in confronting maturity.

Although a whole generation of youth debunk traditional values, he said, the situation is not so bleak because campuses now provide Jewish students kosher food and succahs.

In a wide-ranging speech, Cohen emphasized that schools cannot be substitutes for parents. "Without environment and supportive context, education is fruitless," he asserted.

Cohen called religion as touchy a subject as sex and said that many parents feel threatened when their children are exposed to the facts of theology and biology. He said teachers must be retrained and parents reoriented.

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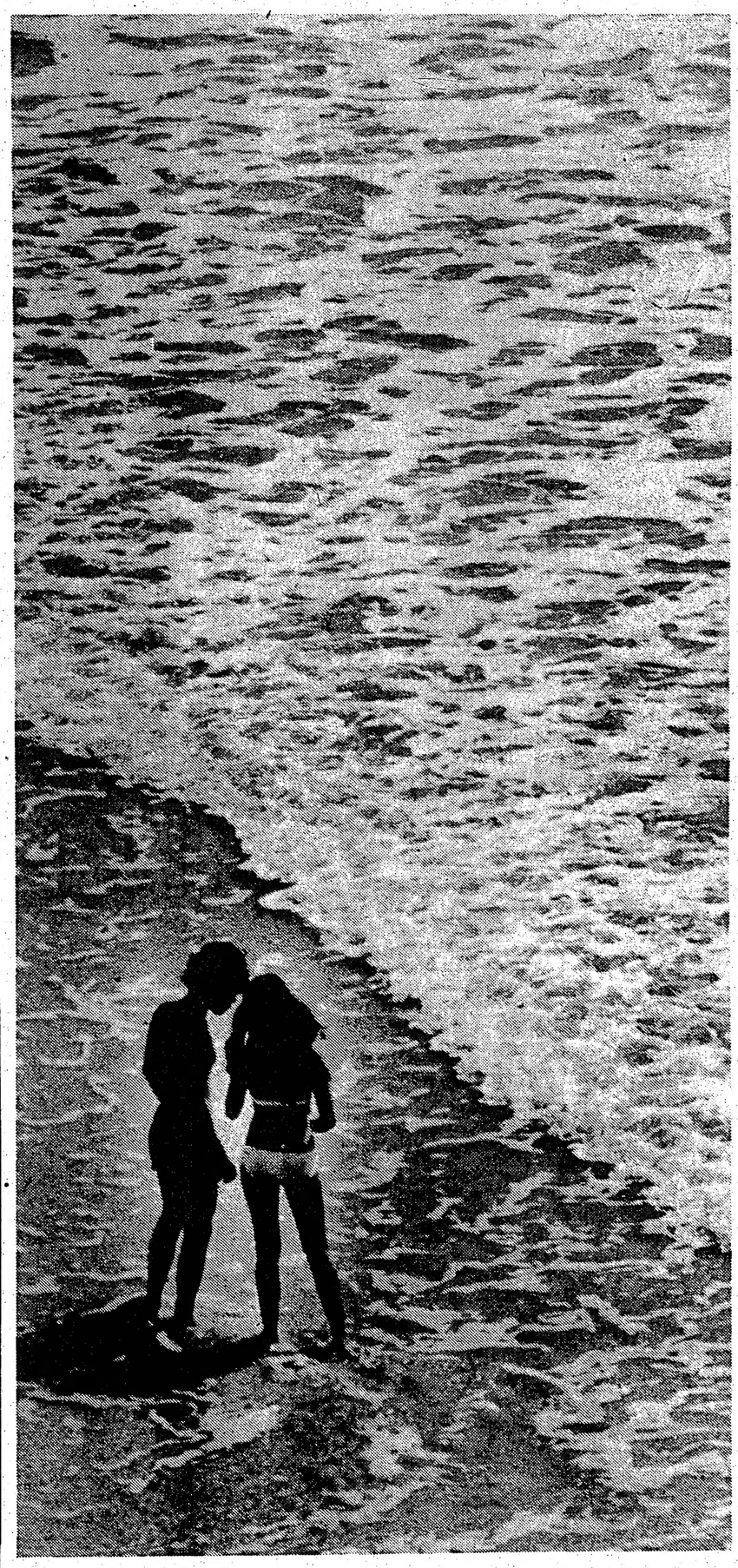

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No community action planned to counter conference

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Associate Editor

TORONTO —
Barring any unforeseen turn of events, the organized Jewish community will be taking a different approach to the UN Habitat Conference in Vancouver than it did to the crime conference originally scheduled for Toronto.

The Canadian Jewish News contacted a number of leaders to gain their reaction to Senator Sidney Buckwold's statement that it would be wrong for the Jewish community to take the same approach to the Vancouver meetings next year as it did to the crime conference. The Saskatchewan senator is chairman of the Canadian National Committee for Participation in the UN Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat).

The day following a national Canada-Israel Committee meeting which dealt with a number of subjects including Habitat, Myer Bick, CIC executive director, said "no action on Habitat is contemplated."

He pointed out that, regarding the crime conference, the government came to the CIC, "we did not petition the government." The CIC position remains the PLO should not come in under any circumstances, he reiterated.

These are some of the capsule comments of other CIC leaders on the organized community's approach to Habitat:

Rabbi Erwin Schild, CIC Central Region chairman: "There will be a different approach to Habitat because of the nature of the conference and the community (Vancouver)... Speaking personally, politics is the art of the possible and to expend effort on doing something patently impossible would lead to an erosion of CIC credibility... However, if Israel were excluded, every means at our disposal would be used to prevent the conference from being held."

Prof. Norman May, CIC board member: "We've already made our point to great segments of the country. The PLO presence in the country is an anathema. It's not necessary to have the message repeated... There's a significantly qualitative difference between the two conferences we simply have to acknowledge. This (Habitat) is a major league conference, compared to the crime conference, which was bush league... The relative isolation of the Jewish community in Vancouver would make it difficult, if not impossible, to mount a CAPLOT-style protest."

Milton Harris, Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region president: "The CIC is against the entry of any PLO representatives... There's a substantial difference between the conferences, and indications are that the Vancouver community feels such an organized effort such as last summer's would be over reacting."

Irwin Cotler's analysis

Jews failed to alert Canada to PLO aim

By A.J. ARNOLD

WINNIPEG —
Two of the three objectives of the Canadian Jewish community concerning the PLO were not attained, according to Professor Irwin Cotler of McGill University and chairman, Canadian Professors for Peace in the Mideast.

"The third and most important objective was to show up the PLO for what it was — an international, conspiratorial body plotting the destruction of the state of Israel," Cotler said here in an interview. "Instead, the Canadian community was made more aware, not about the true nature of the PLO, but about an alleged Zionist lobby in Canada."

The first objective was to have the crime conference held in Toronto but without PLO participation. This was accomplished when the conference was moved from Toronto to Geneva.

"The second objective was that the crime conference action should set a precedent for the Habitat conference," the professor said. "Obviously, this has not happened."

Cotler said the Canadian government will not change its position with respect to the Habitat conference to be held in Vancouver despite the anti-Zionist, anti-Israel resolutions adopted at the United Nations. Moreover, he felt the government "will not welcome any initiative or advocacy for such change coming from the Jewish community."

Cotler left no doubt as to where he stands on the question of PLO participation in the Vancouver conference. "You don't invite those dedicated to the liquidation of human settlements to participate in discussions on how to secure and improve human settlement."

It was his view that Jewish community leaders are under a misconception about results of their efforts with respect to the crime conference. "The government's action was not, as has been quoted, an example of moral courage. The Jewish community did not really win. At best it was a pyrrhic victory."

The question of PLO admission or exclusion from Habitat has to become a more clear-cut, moral issue for the Canadian people, Cotler said. "PLO participation has to be seen as an affront to the objectives of the conference."

Levich's plea

LONDON —

The Soviet government has again denied permission to Dr. Veniamin G. Levich, the highest ranking Soviet scientist to apply for an exit visa, to emigrate to Israel.

At a news conference in the British House of Commons, the scientist's son, Alexander, said the denial comes in the aftermath of a promise last June by the authorities to allow his father to leave the Soviet Union.

Alexander Levich said his father was summoned Oct. 13 to the secret police, and was told that "they did not know anything about his emigration." The conversation was confirmed by Greville Jenner, MP, who is active in Jewish affairs, and Prof. D. Brian Spalding, of the Imperial College of Science and Technology, who spoke on the phone last night with the scientist and his wife.

According to a printed statement by another Levich son, Yevgeny, who is in Tel Aviv, his father has made repeated requests in recent months about the exact date of his promised emigration.

In the meeting with the secret police, the statement said, Levich was told "that he was an is a Zionist and an anti-Soviet person and he should be imprisoned for that."

Sunday closing

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that such logistical problems are not insurmountable. Following conversations with MacBeth he commented that "the government plan seems to be to conform with the desires of the Sabbath observer."

The meeting with the Solicitor-General was arranged by Conservative MPP Larry Grossman (St. Andrew - St. Patrick) and former alderman David Rotenberg. The rabbinical delegation was comprised of Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, Congress Joint Community Relations Committee; Rabbi Henry Hoschander, Ontario Region president of the Rabbinical Council of America; Rabbi Gedalia Felder and Rabbi Albert Pappenheim.

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Canadians are backing Israel television festival

Montreal businessman Herschel Segal (left) and Melville Marks of Geneva are the men behind the first World Jewish Film and Television Festival in Israel.

TORONTO — Montreal businessman Herschel Segal was climbing mountains in Switzerland, and as a result of a chance meeting on the slopes with old friend Melville Marks of Geneva, he's now involved in planning a mountain of a project — the World Jewish Film and Television Festival.

Segal, chairman of Chateau Stores, heads a group of 19 fellow businessmen from his city who are financially ($150,000) backing the festival set for Oct. 24-30 in Jerusalem. To date, there have been replies from organizations in 17 countries indicating they will participate in the event which will consist of film programs, a symposium and equipment exhibition.

Segal and Marks first met 24 years ago when Segal was a student in Geneva and Marks was bureau chief of United Press International. Marks, who originated the Montreux Festival, conceived the Jerusalem event and enlisted Segal's support in the venture. The two men were in Toronto last week to speak to a luncheon gathering chaired by David Dennis, a board member of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

They addressed the meeting and told of the full approval and complete collaboration the festival is getting from the Israeli government, the Israel Broadcasting Authority, the city of Jerusalem and the Israel Film Centre.

"We're not in the festival business, but in the Jewish business," Marks told **The Canadian Jewish News.** "We have got to get the Jewish message across in mass communication terms."

The event, which organizers hope will be biennial, will be primarily a television one. More than 150 TV feature programs on Jewish life and Israel are produced each year on TV networks alone, of the Western world.

Festival regulations will stipulate films are eligible for festival selection which have been produced in the three years preceding July 1, 1977. 'Jewish,' in the context of this event, will be nonrestrictive and is defined in its broadest terms embracing cultural, historical, social, political and religious themes. About 45 hours of the best films and TV programs will be presented during the week of the festival and will compete for awards presented by a team of judges.

Dulzin leading Almogi

JERUSALEM [JTA] — Leon Dulzin showed a marked edge over Yosef Almogi as the man Israelis want to see heading the Jewish Agency, according to a public opinion poll conducted in mid-October by the Institute for Applied Social Research in Jerusalem. But the poll also showed that one-third of Israelis have no opinion at all on the Agency chairmanship election, now being vigorously contested by the two men. Dulzin is acting chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives. Almogi, the Mayor of Haifa, has been nominated for that dual office by the Labor Party.

Thirty-nine per cent of those asked thought Dulzin would be "better" for the job; 17% thought Almogi would be "better"; and eight per cent thought they were equally suited. Thirty-five per cent had no opinion.

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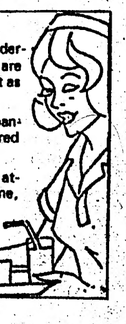

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Arts

Actor is 'soft-edged version of Eddie Cantor'

'Collective Creation' captivates Cooper

By JENIVA BERGER

Howard Cooper's career as an actor has developed alongside a particular style of theatre which Torontonians have taken to their hearts in the last several years. Mention 'Collective Creation' and Howard's eyes light up. It's a nice sight to see, for the 25-year-old performer is a soft-edged version of Eddie Cantor whose brilliant orbs became his trademark in the days when every comedian had a trademark.

Unlike Cantor, Howard's eyes are surrounded, almost eclipsed by unruly shocks of jet black curly hair which splash down along his forehead and coil splendidly from his chin, but there's an unassuming warmth and enthusiasm which eventually works its way out of the tangle.

"Why Collective Creation is so exciting," says Howard of the brand of theatre where the actors research and 'write' the show around a specific theme, "is that it operates from the psychic space that an actor creates. In order to develop theatre, you have to work from the grass roots."

Howard started grazing in Toronto's theatrical pastures in 1972, when as a student at Brock University, he commuted to Toronto, his hometown, to appear in Theatre Passe Muraille's production of **Buffalo Jump** which only qualifies as a mini-Collective since author Carol Bolt was on hand with a skeleton script.

"Paul Thompson asked me to do **Farm Show** next, but I turned it down," he says with a tinge of regret. "I didn't have the vision to see what was happening." **Farm Show** became a resounding success winning a Chalmer's Award and touring the country.

When Howard finally moved back to Toronto he landed a part in Toronto Workshop's **Thieves' Carnival** and drove taxi-cabs to keep things at an even keel.

Jobs were scarce but a year later he played Damis in London Galler's **Tartuffe,** then started on a non-stop series of collectives which began with **Oil,** another Passe Muraille Production, rounded out with **Companytown** in Newfoundland with the Mummers' Troupe, and came to a crashing climax with Passe Muraille's **I Love You, Baby Blue,** last winter.

Howard admits that he felt no real uneasiness about the show at any time even though it was ultimately closed down by the Morality Squad, its cast and producer charged with giving an immoral performance.

"It wasn't an immoral show, it was about sexuality, about identities, more than making love and exhibiting yourself." Baby Blue's producer, who went to trial Nov. 17 will undoubtedly agree with him.

As an interlude between collectives, Howard is currently appearing in Jackie Crossland's ribald musical, **Peaches and Poisoned Cream** at the Factory Theatre Lab where he plays a fuzzy funky character named Cote de Boeuf. Then he and Passe Muraille get together again for a study of Toronto suburban living to be compiled in their own inimitable way.

How, I enquire, will the cast get at the very nub of our scintillating suburbs? Will they knock on doors, peep in windows, or give Tupperware parties?

Howard Cooper's smile is intriguing enough to encourage me to leave the answer in the head of the collector.

Rinah Chorale—a Toronto first

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Toronto now has, for the first time, a Jewish chorale ensemble not affiliated to any one synagogue — the Rinah Chorale. Directed by Ben Steinberg, music director of Temple Sinai and a well-respected composer and musicologist, the Rinah Chorale is rehearsing currently at the Zionist Centre. Sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress and Jewish Student Federation, it aims to develop a well-researched and simultaneously stimulating Jewish repertoire — primarily in Hebrew but also consisting of selections in Yiddish and English.

Exemplifying its intellectually solid choice of material is **Befi Yesarim** from the Portuguese Jewish community of Amsterdam in the 17th century. Also included are traditional numbers such as **Tsur Mishelo** and the growing body of serious Hebraic choral works being written in Israel today.

Thus, the Rinah Chorale will present, for the first time in Toronto, a comprehensive selection of high-quality Jewish choral works which are now unfortunately unknown.

The purposes of the Rinah Chorale are many. There is not only a need in the Jewish community for this kind of professionally-sounding Hebrew chorale, but there is also a need for the people in the choir who are dedicated to Hebrew culture to concretely express themselves through choral music.

Foremost, this choir is the ideal vehicle for the all-vital message that we Jews have a strong, alive, musical culture which is varied, but unique at the same time. Both participants and audience will instantly feel a strong sense of Jewish identity.

Consisting of about 40 members now, the Rinah Chorale, designed for college students and young working people, will start performing in March. It is still in need of more singers, particularly men. All those interested in joining please call 667-3647.

Chai Record Review: Perhaps the best Jewish folk, family-oriented album which has appeared anywhere in recent years is the recording of the live performance by Winnipeg's Sarah Sommer Chai Folk Ensemble.

Entitled **Chai is Hebrew for Life,** the repertoire is an excellent blend of the most familiar standards with lesser-known but beautiful Yemenite songs and the sensually slow **Taam Hamaam.**

I was extremely impressed by this amateur ensemble's live show in Toronto last January, and this first-rate, spirited quality characterizes this album, making it a soul-inspiring, truly dynamic display of neshamah in action. I only wish that the individual performers, many of whom are excellent, had been specifically identified on the album jacket.

British literary gossip compiled in anthology

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Oxford Book Of Literary Anecdotes, Edited By James Sutherland, [Oxford, $12.95]

This admirable anthology will delight anyone interested in British literary gossip. Starting with Caedmon (Circa 670) and ending with Dylan Thomas, the author has culled almost 500 stories, episodes and witticisms from over 1,000 years of memoirs, reminiscences and letters.

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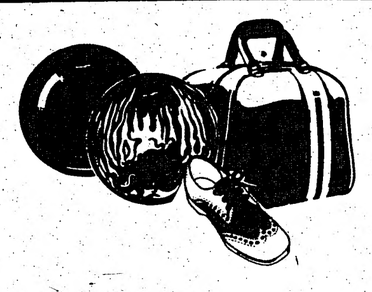
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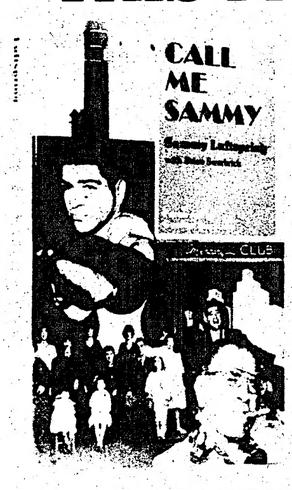
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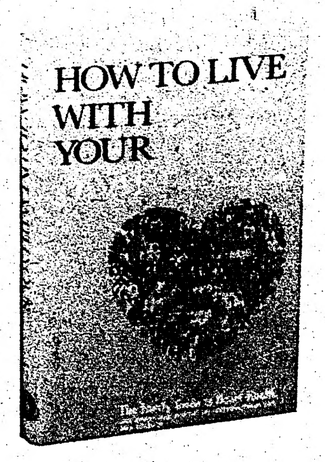
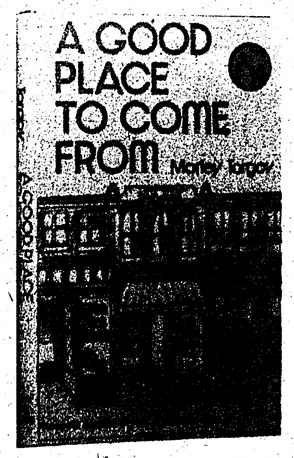
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